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Ceremony celebrates final move for miner

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A TREASURED statue honouring the men who worked and died in east Kent's coal mines has been rededicated at its final resting place in Deal.

It was a landmark moment for Move the Miner campaigners who spent almost five years pushing to get the Waiting Miner statue moved from Dover seafront to Fowlmead Country Park.

Gary Cox, who led the campaign, had always argued that Deal would be a more fitting location and last year it was moved to Miners' Way – a 30-mile trail linking all the former Kent coalmines.

On Saturday, a rededication service was held with crowds turning out to lay wreaths at the base of the statue which carries the names of miners who died at work.

Mr Cox thanked the people of Dover for looking after the statue which was commissioned by the Central Electricity Board to commend the miners of Kent.

"The statue is much more than just a figure of a miner; when people look at statues of famous people they see the person that the statue represents," said Mr Cox.

"Saturday's service was absolutely fantastic, it was more than we could have ever hoped for, and on Sunday there were more people going there to lay wreaths.

"We have also received a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund to launch an education programme to go to schools and teach children about the miners in Kent. We didn't just want to move the miner, we wanted to continue to keep the history of mining alive."

He added:"When miners, members of miners' families and indeed friends of miners, look at this statue, they can see whoever they want to see – their father, son, brother, comrade and more."

Picture: PAUL JERREAT



Centre to honour The Few is one step closer

SPITFIRE pilot Charlie Brown helps keep alive the memory of the heroes of the Battle of Britain with flypasts at the National Memorial for The Few at Capel-le-Ferne.

And there was good news with plans for a unique education centre at the memorial site, offering visitors a 'day-in-the-life' experience of the Battle of Britain, moving a step forward with planning permission due for submission in two months.

Residents living near the memorial attended a meeting last week to hear more about the education centre, which will be built on the site.

EVENT

Thousands converge to make town regatta real success

DEAL Regatta has been hailed a huge success after thousands of people turned out for the hotly anticipated event.

Early fears from organisers about the weather disappeared as the sun finally came out, prompting a big turnout for the numerous events – with thousands at the carnival on Thursday.

Senior court chaperone at the Deal, Walmer and Kingsdown Carnival and Regatta Association, Rosemary Trickey, said she was thrilled.

"By the Thursday there was lovely weather and thousands of people came out to watch the carnival," she said.

"Other events running through the week also saw big turnouts and the fireworks on the pier were fantastic."

Party on the Prom, which was under threat of being cancelled due to lack of funding, also went ahead. "We received help from Deal's Beach Parlour and Kingsdown Band which meant the party was able to go ahead," said Mrs Trickey.

"The fireworks also went from the pier, unlike the last few years. There were previously concerns from the council about health and safety because the new café is made of wood, but safety measures were put in place so they could go off the pier. They had a man sat on the roof with a fire extinguisher just in case anything happened, but it all went well and it was good to see the fireworks go off from the pier.

"The Walls family, who own Deal Beach Parlour and other businesses in the town, have been a huge support, so we'd like to say thank you to them again."

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Waste service will save £4m

A NEW recycling service aimed at saving £4 million of taxpayers' money a year will be phased in across the district from September.

Residents will be able to increase recycling and put out food waste weekly. For more information see www.dover.gov.uk.

EDUCATION

Sir's poetry workshops

FORMER poet laureate Sir Andrew Motion has hosted workshops at environmental venue The Pines Calyx.

Schoolchildren visited the facility in St Margaret's for poetry sessions focusing on marine life. Sir Andrew said it was exciting to be teaching in a natural environment.

CRIME

Woman among 222 arrested

A DEAL woman was among 222 people to be arrested in the first three weeks of a police operation aimed at driving down burglary in Kent.

She was charged with handling stolen goods in respect of a stolen caravan from Sussex.



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LONDON 2012

Athletes hope to enjoy picture perfect Games

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WITH less than a year to go before London 2012 gets under way, one council has launched an innovative photo exhibition to raise the profile of seven young Olympic hopefuls.

Canterbury City Council will display images of the sporting seven, all of whom were either born in or train and compete in the district, at high-profile sites across the area for several weeks at a time.

It is hoped the 12-month mobile marketing campaign will encourage residents to give more support to and become more aware of the district's sporting talent, promote the various ways to get active locally, and help the ambitious athletes achieve sponsorship.

The council's executive member for sport, Cllr Darren Ellis, said: "It's incredible that a district as small as Canterbury could potentially have seven athletes competing at the Olympic or Paralympic Games next year, because some entire counties have fewer than that.

"The aim is to make our residents proud of their athletes and to raise their profile as much as possible, because they are fantastic role models. We particularly hope young people will be inspired to take up a sport as a result of this project.

"We should also remember these athletes are amateurs and the cost of the pursuit of excellence is considerable.

"It would be a lovely bonus if some of the athletes were offered sponsorship off the back of this initiative."

The Canterbury Olympic hopefuls are Harriett Yea (basketball), Dan Ritchie (rowing), Keziah Gore (rhythmic gymnastics) and Susanna Townsend and Jen Wilson (both hockey), and the Paralympic hopefuls are Helen Sole (sitting volleyball) and Nathan Milgate (target shooting).

Each of the images shows the athletes against the backdrop of one of the district's iconic locations, such as Canterbury Cathedral, St Augustine's Abbey, and Reculver Towers.

Full profiles of the athletes can be read at www.activecanterbury.org.

This week it was announced the Nepalese Paralympic Committee has decided to come to Kent to train ahead of 2012 following a visit to Kent this week.

Nepal joins a growing list of nations already signed up including Australia, Slovenia, Belarus, Ukraine and Papua New Guinea.

There are now more countries coming to Kent and Medway than any other area in the country.









COUNTDOWN TO 2012: (Clockwise from top left) Keziah Gore (rhythmic gymnastics), Helen Sole (sitting volleyball), Harriett Yea (basketball), and Dan Ritchie (rowing)

■ **See www.yourcanterbury.co.uk for news and sport.**

NEWS IN BRIEF

Schools' 20mph trial

TRIAL 20mph speed limits are to be established outside six schools in Maidstone.

The move comes after a push from campaigners to cut speed limits in a bid to reduce the number of injuries and fatalities on the roads.

Maidstone Green Party's Stuart Jeffery said: "20mph areas have been shown to be effective in reducing accidents and promoting cycling and walking. They have public support – after all who wants cars travelling fast past schools?"

Dog's lucky escape

A springer spaniel chasing seagulls on the beach at Minnis Bay, Birchington, had a lucky escape after it swam around a mile out to sea.

Margate's RNLI inshore lifeboat was launched after a call from the dog's worried owner and after an hour they found the exhausted hound and brought it back to shore.

RNLI's Paul Hodson said: "Dogs swimming out to sea have in the past led to the owners attempting to rescue them with tragic consequences."

Pickles calls quarry in

COMMUNITIES and local government minister Eric Pickles has called in plans to expand a quarry into ancient woodland in Barming, near Maidstone.

The scheme to expand into Oaken Wood to extract ragstone enraged protestors who fought against the loss of 74 acres of the woodland.

Kent County Council had given the plan from Gallagher Group its support, but as it was not part of the council's pre-agreed mineral extraction plans, it was referred to the Secretary of State, and Mr Pickles this week said he wanted to make the final decision on the proposal.

SPORT

Royal opening for sports venue as pentathlon championships begin

PRINCESS Anne officially opened the Medway Park sports complex on the first day of the Modern Pentathlon European Championships.

The Princess Royal, who competed at the 1976 Olympics and serves as President of the British Olympic Association, unveiled a commemorative plaque at the renovated Gillingham venue on Thursday, before being treated to a tour of the state-of-the-art facility.

Her Royal Highness was expected to take in the opening events of the five-day pentathlon championships, which serves as a qualifying event for the 2012 Olympic Games.

The top eight finishers in the men's and women's competitions – which will see Europe's top athletes go head-to-head in shooting, fencing, swimming, riding and running - will earn a place in London next year.



Picture: PAUL JERREAT

SPECIAL VISITOR: Princess Anne opened Medway Park

Speaking ahead of the visit, Medway Council leader Rodney Chambers said: "We are pleased the Princess Royal will be officially opening our centre of sporting excellence.

"Princess Anne will be visiting on the first day of competitions and I am sure she will enjoy her day here."

Medway Park was created from the shell of the former Black Lion centre, which was given an £11 million makeover.

The renovated venue now boasts a new 12-court multi-use sports hall, an eight-lane athletics track and a gym.

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EDUCATION

New academy schools will not get extra cash, warns KCC chief

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THE leader of Kent County Council has admitted the benefits to headteachers of schools becoming academies are "narrowing".

Cllr Paul Carter says there are now fewer reasons why a school should apply to break free from local authority control, despite having previously suggested it could be in their best interests to do so.

However, the Tory County Hall leader denies being at loggerheads with Education Secretary Michael Gove, who introduced the new academy model shortly after the Coalition came into power in May last year.

In a letter to Kent's headteachers, Cllr Carter wrote: "Given that the exact nature of Mr Gove's model was unknown and all Kent schools looked like they would receive an attractive financial package on conversion, I originally suggested it could be in the best interest of all our schools to become academies.

"Over a year later, we are looking at a radically different position. The additional funds given to converting academies are drying up, so those schools still to convert will have a lower budget.

"This has created a two-tier funding system whereby the outstanding schools that have already converted have taken with them additional funding compared to those schools remaining in local authority control."

Cllr Carter went on to explain that with all schools due to move to a more balanced funding system, the main selling point of becoming an academy – extra cash – has now been removed.



BALANCE: The benefits of becoming an academy are not as great as they were just one year ago

He added that KCC was also flexible when it came to some of the other freedoms offered to academies, such as the ability for schools to set their own pay scales and term dates.

Cllr Carter told KoS this week that several headteachers had since thanked him for the letter, saying they agreed entirely with his stance.

"I've always said I believe in a mixed economy of different types of schools, and the council has always embraced the idea of academies," he said. "However, I've also always said I believe different types of schools should have the same funding and that there should be no financial advantage to one side or another.

"That's why I originally said it might be in the best interests of all schools to become academies if the inequitable funding system remained, but thankfully Michael Gove assures me that will not be the case.

"We're trying to make sure we have all Kent schools working together in the same way. We don't want an apartheid of education in Kent."

There are currently 32 academies open in Kent, with a further 34 schools having applied to become one. Medway is home to seven academies, with an extra four in progress.

Cllr Carter said headteachers needed to think long and hard about the pros and cons of converting to academies, pointing out that academies will be at the mercy of whichever political party has control of the Government in future years.

According to Gravesend-based education adviser Peter Read, that could be particularly harmful for grammar school academies.

He said: "In my view it may well be that grammar schools could come under threat if the Government changes back to Labour, because if they are under state control then they can be more easily abolished.

"But my view remains that there seems to be no strategic planning in Kent now – just a lot of schools doing their own thing."

CRIME

Police change tactics to stop an antisocial tragedy in Kent

KENT Police says it will prioritise individuals and communities most at risk of harm as part of a change in the way it responds to calls about antisocial behaviour.

The changes follow an internal review and consultation with individuals, communities and organisations across the county. The feedback, along with national recommendations, has shaped the police's new policy for tackling antisocial behaviour.

A key part of the changes will see "early identification of individuals and communities most at risk of harm, making sure they receive an appropriate and priority response".

It also draws on the lessons learned from high-profile national cases, including those of Garry Newlove, David Askew, Fiona Pilkington and Francesca Hardwick, which have highlighted the tragic consequences of antisocial behaviour in extreme cases.

Staff will be trained using a new Kent Police based model called DEAL – which stands for Define the problem, Early intervention, Action based approach, Listen and feedback.



FOCUS: By changing the way they respond to antisocial behaviour police hope to prevent its escalation into extreme, tragic, cases

For every call to police about antisocial behaviour, the handler will now use a more sophisticated method to assess the level of harm and risk to determine the type and speed of police response.

All antisocial behaviour calls will be reviewed by neighbourhood policing teams or community safety units, and all victims will be kept informed of police action taken.

Assistant Chief Constable Paul Brandon said: "Our new approach will help us to understand, more than ever before, the harm and impact antisocial behaviour can have.

"Actual reported rates of antisocial behaviour in Kent are comparatively low, but perceptions tend to be high and this can have a negative impact."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Burglary crackdown

POLICE have so far detected more than 500 crimes and executed 71 warrants as part of Operation Enforce 2, with 126 people charged.

Some 222 arrests have been made in just three weeks. This week officers in mid-Kent arrested three people on suspicion of burglary following a car chase in which £7,000 was recovered. They have since been charged.

Victims of burglary can call 01622 690690, or 999 if the crime is in progress.

Dead horse appeal

A HORSE which has suffered face and eye injuries has been found dead.

The RSPCA is appealing for information after the remains were found in woodland off Herne Bay Road, Canterbury. The owner discovered the 13-year-old white and lemon mare last Thursday, but the cause of death is not yet known.

Anyone with any information can contact the RSPCA on 03001234999.

'Smuggling' arrests

TWELVE people have been arrested at a farm near Ashford by HM Revenue and Customs officers investigating a suspected multi-million pound tobacco smuggling fraud.

Around 60 HMRC investigators, with officers from Kent Police, searched one commercial and six residential properties on Tuesday and siezed 1.4 tonnes of hand-rolling tobacco.

The 12 men, who range in age from 19 to 78, were released on bail pending further inquiries.

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POLICE

Call for Cameron to scrap elected police chiefs after phone hacking scandal

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WARNING: KCC leader Paul Carter (left) is to write to PM David Cameron to warn him of the dangers of politicising the police force

COMMUNITY leaders are calling on the Prime Minister to scrap plans for elected police commissioners in light of the ongoing phone-hacking scandal.

Kent County Council leader Cllr Paul Carter has agreed to write a letter to David Cameron warning him of the dangers of politicising the police, with Lib Dem group leader Cllr Trudy Dean also due to add her signature.

The development has been welcomed by the chairwoman of Kent Police Authority, Ann Barnes, who has been a vocal critic of the plans to give one directly elected individual the power currently held by 17 authority members.

Cllr Dean raised the issue at County Hall last week following allegations a handful of Met Police officers had been paid for supplying information to journalists at the News of the World. The force has also come under fire for botching a previous investigation into phone-hacking at the paper.

Cllr Dean said: "This whole sorry tale proves that you need a complete separation between the police and elected government. You always need a separation between those who make the decisions and those who put them into operation.

"By introducing elected police commissioners you will merge those two roles and make these types of incidents far more likely to occur.

"It's been an idea that's been around for some time under both Labour and the Conservatives, and I think superficially it has an attraction of allowing local people to vote for police representatives. But the more you think about how that would work in practice, the more you realise the pitfalls that exist.

"As time has gone on, the voices of people against the proposals have grown louder and louder, and this whole scandal is an outstanding example of how things can go terribly wrong."

KPA currently consists of 17 non-elected board members, including a mix of independents and different party members from KCC and Medway Council.

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would then set priorities for the force.

Chief Constable Ian Learmonth would in turn be expected to meet these priorities in Kent.

Last week 115 leading Lib Dem councillors signed a letter published in The Times, in which they called for a "clear separation between politicians and the police".

KPA chairwoman Ann Barnes said she was pleased Cllr Carter had agreed to write to the Prime Minister.

She added: "I'm deeply concerned the public are not even aware of the plans to introduce police and crime commissioners, and the implications if a political appointee wins.

"I've seen no real desire from residents for the abolition of police authorities, especially here in Kent.

"What worries me is the potential to waste public money. These additional costs are at a time when we are facing a budget cut of about 20 per cent. As far as I'm concerned this money could be better used and could fund 70 more police officers in Kent alone."

■ **Chief Constable Ian Learmonth defends the police's reputation, see p24.**

POLICE

Officers' video bid to rally public support against cuts

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A YOUTUBE video drawing attention to police spending cuts has been launched by the body representing rank-and-file officers in Kent.

The county force is currently battling to save £50 million over the next four years due to a 20 per cent cut in Home Office funding, which is expected to lead to a loss of about 500 officers and 1,000 support staff.

But despite government claims that extra cash can be found through efficiency savings and back office cuts, Kent Police Federation has warned that a rise in crime is inevitable.

The organisation ran a series of adverts in Archant KOS Media newspapers raising awareness of the possible impact of the savings plan, and has entered the second phase of its campaign with a YouTube video lasting just over two minutes.

Federation chairman, Ian Pointon, said: "The Government is now getting a consistent message from all the police professionals.

"We cannot cope with 20 per cent cuts, the frontline is at risk, and crime is at risk of rising. This video is an opportunity for the public to show their support."

Set to the tune of the patriotic anthem Jerusalem, the video features a collection of images of Kent police officers carrying out their day-to-day duties.

It ends with the message: 'Police cuts cross the line. Concerned?'

Mr Pointon said: "When it comes to law and order, this Government hasn't listened. When she became Home Secretary, Theresa May told police officers she would always back them, support them and fight for them. Well, words are cheap.

"Unlike her words, the maintenance of law and order and public protection cannot be done on the cheap. It's time for her to listen to the professionals."

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NATURE

Tourist industry told not to fear jellyfish invasion

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SWARMS of jellyfish are expected to descend on UK seas as waters warm up over the summer.

But marine experts have stressed that Kent is not expected to be overrun with the unpopular creatures and that tourism chiefs have nothing to fear.

The Marine Conservation Society (MCS) is urging beach goers to report any sightings.

Most common in the county's waters are moon and compass jellyfish which, although harmless, can deliver a mild sting.

MCS biodiversity programme manager, Peter Richardson, said jellyfish were "always there" in Kent's waters, but he hoped to find out more about them and where they were located.

"From previous surveys we know there are jellyfish in Kent, although not as many as on the west coast," he said.

"Most jellyfish are pretty harmless. You may get a minor sting. In 2007-09 there were Portuguese man-of-war jellyfish found along the west coast, but it would be a rare thing for them to get round as far as Kent.

"I can't see jellyfish being a major problem for the tourism industry."

The MCS is urging beach goers and sea users, such as fishermen, to report any sightings of the creatures as part of a national survey.

Mr Richardson said: "There is strong evidence that jellyfish numbers are increasing around the world, including UK seas, and these increases have been linked to factors such as pollution, over-fishing and possibly climate change."

To take part in the survey and to download a jellyfish photo-ID guide go to www.mcsuk.org.

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TRAVEL

Students to wait more than a year for bus pass scheme

By Marijke Cox
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A NEW travel concession for post-16 students is to be road-tested from September following pressure from Kent's young people.

Three pilot schemes will be introduced to run simultaneously with a public consultation looking at a permanent concessionary bus pass – and its potential cost – for post-16s.

More than 12,000 people had signed an e-petition calling for the popular Freedom Pass – which allows 11-16-year-olds to travel on buses any time for a one-off annual fee of £100 – to be extended to young people aged 17-20.

It followed the announcement in January that Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA), a £30 weekly payment supporting young people from lower-income families in 16-19 education, was to be scrapped.

The payment was used by some to pay for travel to school or college – which can reach as much as £900 a year – prompting calls for help from education chiefs at County Hall.



JOURNEY: The scheme will allow post-16 students bus travel for a one-off payment

Kent County Council revealed it had already been working with Kent Youth Council on plans for concessionary travel.

Cabinet member for education, learning and skills, Cllr Sarah Hohler, said: "Early in September we will ask people of all ages for their input and views about the post-16 bus travel concession, what they would like it to be and how much they would be prepared to pay for it.

"At the same time we need to test the practicalities and will introduce three pilots around the county."

Following the consultation and results of the pilot schemes, a permanent, countywide post-16 travel concession is expected to be rolled out in September, 2012.

But KCC's Lib Dems said the pass would still cost £380.

Their education spokesman Cllr Martin Vye, said: "In February the Lib Dems proposed to extend the Freedom Pass to 16-18 year olds and identified where the money would come from to pay for it.

"The Tories have now spent four months on a proposal which recommends a 16-plus pass at a potential cost to students of £380, and only available from September, 2012.

"We would have had the Freedom Pass for 16-18-year-olds in place this September, taking account that the EMA will have ended."



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CREATING ART: Adam Hargreaves is following his passion for painting after 18 years continuing his father's legacy of drawing the Mr Men

EXHIBITION

Tickled by Mr Men and

By Chris Britcher
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WHEN Adam Hargreaves was six years old he asked his father what a tickle looked like.

His innocent question would provide the spark which would forever change his family's lives. Because when Mr Tickle was born so was a phenomenon.

The Mr Men would, within 10 years, become a multi-million pound business. Perhaps more remarkably, this year it celebrates its 40th anniversary and it continues to be as popular, worldwide, today as ever before.

Roger Hargreaves' creation has sold close to 100 million books and been translated into dozens of languages. Even his untimely death in 1988 at the Kent and Sussex Hospital in Tunbridge Wells – aged just 53 – could not slow its relentless dive into the public's psyche.

It achieved what so few achieved – a cross-generational appeal, born from taking human characteristics and personifying them.

For the Hargreaves family it transformed their lives. Creator Roger had been desperate to make a name for himself in the world of cartoons.

But for young Adam, growing up at their home near Cowden, the experience was one that was at times difficult for him to cope with.

"I was a young age when it took off and not so aware of what my father was doing on the business side," he explains. "It was in my teens when I became aware of quite how successful he was.

"I was dreadfully embarrassed as a teenager by the whole thing. I felt very awkward about it; the fame my father achieved and the success worldwide. I think I rebelled against it, in a funny sort of way, by going into farming. It was a way of almost trying to ground myself."

Adam Hargreaves has perhaps one of the more unusual career paths. With his father enjoying huge success, he studied art at Brighton. But then, his life took an unlikely change.

"I've always drawn since I can remember and always loved it," the 47-year-old father-of-two says from his home in nearby Heathfield. "I did a foundation course at Brighton Art College but quite mysteriously, even now I'm not quite sure how, I went into farming for six years.

"I loved being outside – as my paintings demonstrate – landscapes are a passion. So I think farming was a result of that.

"I worked on mainly beef and arable farms – but I did work as a dairy man for a couple of years, milking cows, but I must admit that did wear rather thin on me.

"When my dad died, I was looking for something new to do – and that was Mr Men."

Roger Hargreaves' death was, as can only be expected, a pivotal moment in Adam's life.

"He was only 53 when he died. He had a stroke and went into hospital and then had a series of bigger strokes during the course of one day. It was all over within 24 hours. I was 24. But my sisters are seven years younger than me. It was a shocking time. It came so out of the blue.

"He was a larger than life character. He was 6ft 5in so he had a big physical presence. He was quite a joker. That sense of humour you see in the Mr Men books was certainly part of what he was – those silly puns and the teasing of us.

"He had a light-hearted view of life, but also

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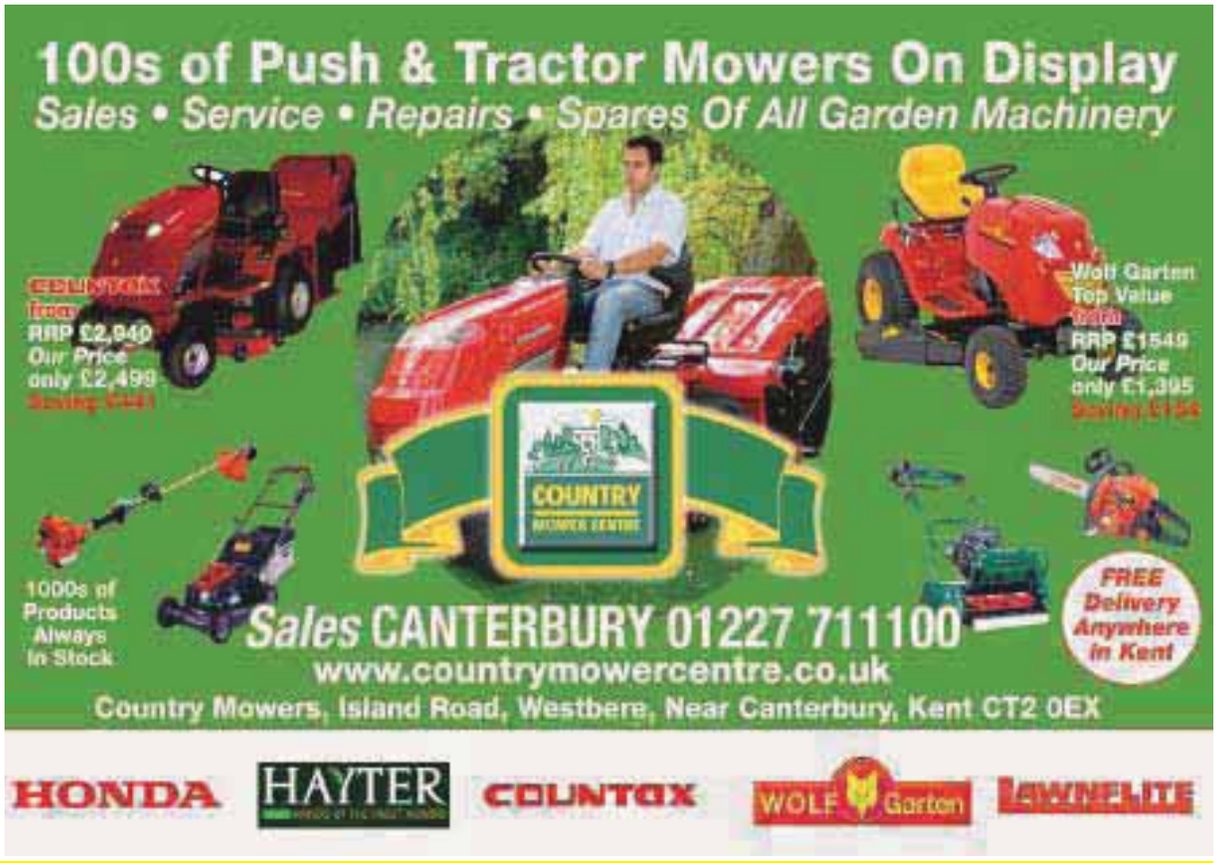
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strong ambition. He wanted to succeed.

"He was really chuffed with its success. I'm sure he would be cock-a-hoop to know we're celebrating the 40th anniversary and they are still successful. I think he would be rather amazed.

"I never really showed my appreciation of what a good idea he had, as he died before I really appreciated what he had created."

His untimely death would lead to Adam taking over the reins, going from milking cows to the helm of a multi-million pound business.

"The last thing I ever imagined doing was drawing Mr Men," he explains. "My Dad was the sole creator of the Mr Men and when he went there was a big hole to be filled in terms of an on-going business, the merchandising which needed to be fuelled by illustrations, artwork and design.

"I could not have been more green if I tried – stepping into the business world. But we had a very kind and tolerant agent at the time and he led me through the maze."

He would go on to create 10 more characters and write hundreds of books spin-off materials.

In 2008 the family sold the rights to the Mr Men series to entertainment group Chorion in a deal worth £28m.

Today, the family have no influence over the brand – although Adam remains employed as an artistic consultant, drawing new books and materials as and when required.

The financial freedom has, however, allowed him to explore his real passion – painting.

His magnificent landscapes of the countryside in and around his home will form the backbone of a solo exhibition which takes place at Tunbridge Wells' Fairfax Gallery between September 16-29; allowing the public to glimpse a different side to the artistic talents of a man who has entertained millions.

"It didn't frustrate me," he says of applying his artistic talents to the Mr Men, "but at the back of my mind was the idea I wanted to paint.



"I spent nearly 18 years doing Mr Men but I'd always wanted to do landscapes. It's been great over the last five years to exercise that ambition."

Now with a 23-year-old daughter and 17-year-old son, Mr Hargreaves hopes to continue the artistic legacy and admits to nervously anticipating his solo show.

"I am very excited about it, but I get quite nervous. I'm not a very social person; I'm relatively shy I guess. I hate being the focus of attention at open evenings.

"There is an element of baring your soul – certainly putting out something you're really proud of but not knowing what the reaction will be – it's quite a nerve-racking experience.

"It is very different to the Mr Men thing which is already successful and accepted – and also it wasn't my idea – that is a lot simpler and easier to put yourself out there. Painting is more personal to me."

■ **Adam Hargreaves' solo exhibition takes place at the Fairfax Gallery in the Pantiles from September 16-29. For more details see www.adamhargreavespaintings.com.**

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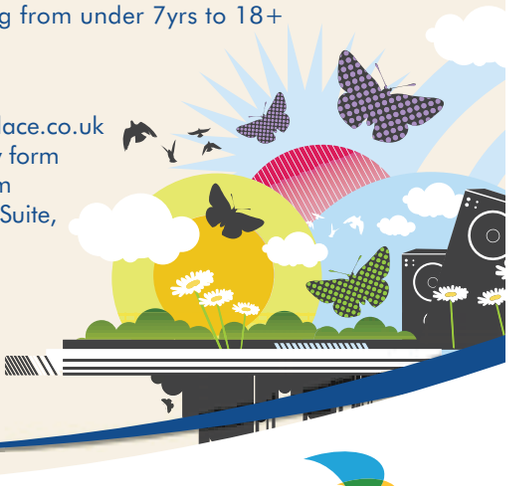
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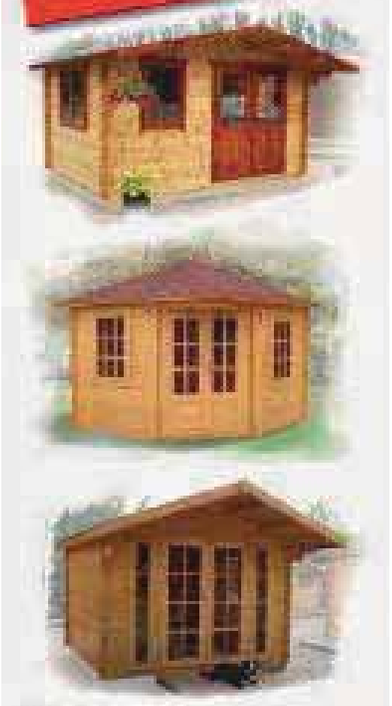
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HISTORY

Experience a day of knights at the castle

By Nick Ames
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THIS weekend Dover Castle goes back to the 15th century.

The Knight's Tournament will recreate the pageantry and excitement of medieval combat, pitting fully armoured warriors against each other in a real competition of bravery and skill.

The day finishes with a massed combat recreating, without casualties, a battlefield from the time of the Wars of the Roses, which raged from 1455 until 1487.

Under the expert tutelage of Jon Terris, I visited the castle this week to see what it feels like to fight in plate armour.

Jon, who is a professional armourer, a member of the Medieval Siege Society, and a former roadie with rock band AC/DC, said there are many misconceptions about the period.

"There is this idea that a knight had to be craned onto his horse, well that's nonsense," he said. "The only time that has ever happened was to Laurence Olivier on the set of the film of Shakespeare's Henry V.



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"It is also commonly thought that when knights were thrown to the ground they couldn't get up. That's wrong as well. The French had a real problem at Agincourt, but we think that was largely due to the mud."

After putting on some of the armour I found that to be quite true. It was easy to stand and took little effort.

The armour of a knight weighs between 65-70lbs – roughly the same is carried by a modern infantryman with rifle, helmet and body armour.

While wearing the armour and in motion a body can lose up to one litre of water per hour.

Jon said: "Armour was cleverly designed, rich barons would have it tailored to their body, maybe made in Italy or Germany. It was made to allow maximum freedom of movement and deflect blows away from the body.

"As the weight is spread evenly it was not as cumbersome as is commonly believed. Which was a good thing as it might be worn over a period of weeks during a campaign.

"It even went in and out of fashion, like clothing today."

Another common miscon-





TRAINING: Jon Terris puts reporter Nick Ames through his paces once the pair are fully kitted out

ception is fought on horseback.

"English knights frequently fought on foot," said Jon. "This was a great boost to the morale of their men-at-arms as they were leading from the front."

So, after being fully kitted out we faced off, with Jon demonstrating some offensive and defensive moves.

"Don't think you're going to be Errol Flynn after a few minutes," he warned before slashing and thrusting with his sword and later crashing down a wicked-looking pole-axe which also had a spike and hammer to find weak spots in an opponent's protection.

"A man from that period of history would be far fitter than one of today, due to manual work and diet," he told me.

After parrying his blows, trying to counter-attack and move out of range for a breather I really did appreciate the dedication of anyone – whether in the 15th or 21st centuries – who could wield a weapon effectively while encased in steel.

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TRAVEL

Motorists enjoy the open road as permits cut traffic congestion

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COMPLAINTS about road congestion have dropped by more than a quarter following a groundbreaking move by County Hall transport chiefs to minimise traffic disruption.

The Kent Permit Scheme, launched by Kent County Council last year, was introduced to control the way roadworks are planned by making different companies, such as utility firms, dig-up the same stretch of road at the same time.

It has allowed the authority to apply conditions on work projects, such as increasing the number of gangs and lengthening the hours worked each day to make sure jobs are completed in the shortest time possible.

Companies over-running by specified times face big fines.

The move has seen the duration of roadworks cut by one day in every 20 and a 26 per cent drop in the number of complaints and queries recieved, which is also being attributed to improved information for drivers.



JAMMED: Congestion is down

Cabinet member for environment, highways and waste at KCC, Cllr Bryan Sweetland, said: "We hope to build on this to further reduce delays and congestion. We want companies that are carrying out the work to continue to seek improvement wherever possible.

"In particular, one area we will be focusing on is pressing for continued improvement to the quality of reinstatements and repairs to the highway."

An annual report highlighted an increase in the number of first-time permanent road repairs, removing the need for a repeat visit and more disruption.

It also showed the number of sites where utility firms had completed work before or on deadline had increased to 94 per cent compared to 86 per cent in the three months before the scheme was introduced.

Transport minister Norman Baker said he wanted other local authorities to follow Kent's lead and start their own permit schemes.

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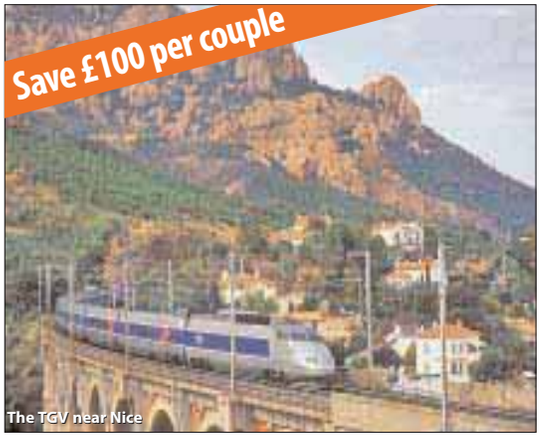
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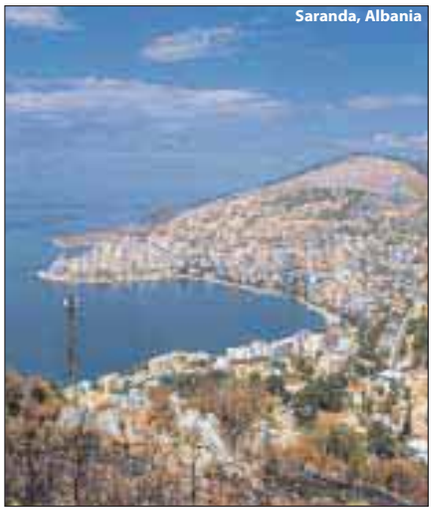
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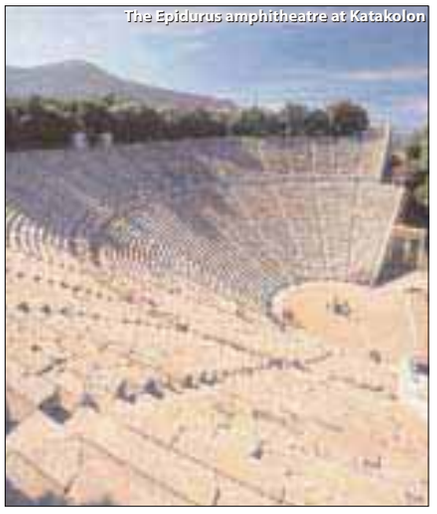
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TELEVISION

Demolition firm makes smash test dummies out of Clarkson and Co

By Steve Knight
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THE stars of the hit TV show Top Gear tore the house down when they took part in a demolition challenge in Kent.

Jeremy Clarkson, James May and Richard Hammond used huge military vehicles to destroy a number of former council houses in Gravesend's Christian Fields estate, which is currently undergoing a £75 million regeneration.

They were aided by award-winning demolition experts from Erith Group who ensured the presenters were well-protected from the various hazards of the task at hand.

"Everything had to come through us for approval beforehand, with method statements and risk assessments approved prior to filming," said associate director James Hollands.

"Our in-house structural engineers carried out extensive calculations to find out how much material could fall on their vehicles safely so the presenters could come to no harm.

"It was safety first at all times, and on top of that they had their own paramedics and private fire brigade just in case.

"We probably held about nine or 10 meetings with the makers of the show from start to finish, so everything was expertly planned."

The Top Gear challenge was to see which team – either the professionals or the Top Gear trio – could pull down six houses the fastest.

But while Erith's workers used conventional demolition equipment, Clarkson and company turned up at the housing estate with a 15-tonne armoured recovery vehicle, a combat engineering tractor, and an Armtrac 400 mine clearer. Nevertheless, the experts won comfortably as the presenters' gung-ho approach did little but create mess and cause a burst water main.

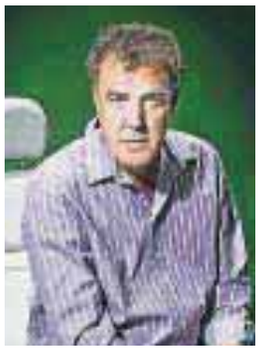
Mr Hollands said his firm was contacted by the show's producers following the success of a previous feature in which Erith workers brought two huge chimneys at the Lafarge Cement site in Northfleet, crashing down on top of a Chevrolet Lacetti previously used in the Star in a Reasonably Priced Car segment.

He added: "The presenters are all nice guys and were fun to work with, and they were more than happy to sign autographs for anybody who wanted them.

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HEALTH

Lung cancer survivors backing NHS campaign

By Marijke Cox
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TWO lung cancer survivors are fronting a hard-hitting campaign after NHS figures revealed the disease was the biggest killer in east Kent.

The NHS Cough, Cough, Cough campaign looks to highlight the most common symptoms of lung cancer.

Between 2005-09 more than 2,000 people died of the disease across Thanet, Canterbury, Dover, Shepway, Swale and Ashford.

Soon-to-be grandfather David Broughton, 70, from Faversham, was diagnosed when he was 53 after becoming breathless and coughing up blood.

The former 60-a-day smoker, who is fronting the NHS campaign, said: "I was feeling very wheezy. I was carrying some stuff at work and remember getting more breathlessness than normal.

"Within three weeks I was coughing up lots of phlegm with specks of blood and my breathing was outside the normal range I associated with my asthma.

"I had a chest X-ray which confirmed the shadow on my lung."

Two thirds of his lung had to be removed.



WARNING SIGNS: Pearl West features in the cancer posters

"My advice is, you always know what's normal for you and if you think something feels different – like a change in your cough or your breathing – see your doctor straightaway and ask for a chest X-ray," he said.

Pearl West, from Herne Bay, is also helping with the campaign.

The 77-year-old, whose mother died of lung cancer, was diagnosed after going to her doctor about a persistent cough.

The cancerous cells were removed and she underwent chemotherapy.

"Don't hesitate about going to the doctors and don't be scared about the thought of having the operation," she said.

"I know it saved my life. My only regret is smoking in the first place."

Dr Simon Dunn, from St Anne's Practice in Herne Bay, is also fronting the campaign.

He said lung cancer was the biggest killer in east Kent, with 428 deaths in 2009 alone.

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"The earlier someone is diagnosed, the earlier treatment can begin and the better their chances of survival," he said.

"A persistent cough can be one of the tell-tale signs of the early stages of lung cancer.

"Other signs to look out for are a cough that has changed over time, your chest feeling different or becoming painful, coughing up blood and being short of breath.

"Some people may feel like they're bothering their GP or wasting a valuable appointment slot by asking about a cough, but you should make an appointment if you have any of these symptoms.

"The chances are it won't be lung cancer – but you won't be wasting my time by asking, I'd rather know."

The campaign is focusing particularly on men and women older than 50 who live in Thanet and Canterbury, where there are higher rates of smoking than elsewhere in east Kent or significantly high lung cancer mortality rates.

Thanet has the highest rates of smoking in east Kent and the highest mortality rates for lung cancer with 528 people dying between 2005 and 2009.

Just one in 10 cases of lung cancer is not linked with smoking.

WILDLIFE



POLICE PROTECTION: Peregrine chicks were monitored in a CCTV operation mounted to prevent a repeat of theft carried out last year

CCTV operation a success as peregrine falcons fly the nest

FOUR peregrine falcon chicks have successfully fledged in Medway thanks to a nest protection project involving Natural England and Kent Police.

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Police consulted Natural England and installed hidden CCTV cameras in the nest.

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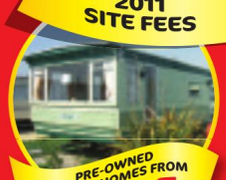
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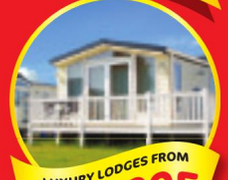
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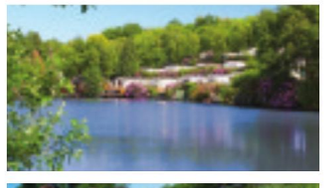

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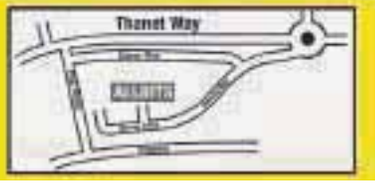
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ENVIRONMENT

Eco strategy dismissed as 'greenwash'

By Steve Knight
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THE chairwoman of Kent Green Party has rubbished new Kent County Council plans to make the county the "place of choice" for eco-friendly investment.

Last week KCC launched its Growing the Garden of England environmental strategy which aims to boost job creation by developing the county as a leading location for renewable energy and other clean industries.



WRONG: Hazel Dawe attacked KCC's plans

But Kent Green Party chairwoman Dr Hazel Dawe has described the document as "lots of greenwash, very little green action".

She added: "There's lots of rhetoric and people are making the right noises, but when you look at the details there's actually very little there. KCC has come up with similar green plans in the past, but water and air quality continues to decline and biodiversity is falling.

"The same thing is going to happen again because they're just not doing enough.

"As things stand Kent is not going to achieve its green goals. It has lovely goals, but this strategy contains nothing that's going to help it achieve them – nothing at all."

Growing the Garden of England is one of a series of strategies setting out KCC's environmental aims for the next 20 years. Goals described in the document include the further promotion of local green service suppliers, the improved insulation of homes, and the continued protection of Kent's natural environment.

Thanet South Tory MP Laura Sandys is among those supporting the strategy.

She said: "Kent is already emerging as the county of choice for green investment.

"With two of the largest wind farms in the world, east Kent now has a concentration of forward-thinking, innovative green companies, making Kent a prime location for the roll out of more low-carbon industries and training facilities.

"By recognising the immense opportunities attached to the green economy, we have ensured green industry is central to Kent's vision for local jobs and future growth.

"The launch of this strategy will ensure Kent owns this economic opportunity. With the green sector valued at an incredible £3.2 trillion, this is good news for small businesses, investors and residents alike."

Growing the Garden of England consists of three key themes, the first of which is about making homes water and energy efficient, eliminating waste and maximising the opportunities from the green economy.

The second is about tackling climate change and reducing the county's carbon footprint, and the third is about promoting and conserving Kent's natural environment and heritage sites.

County council leader Cllr Paul Carter said: "By working together this environment and economy strategy shows how we can begin to truly unlock our environmental potential for the benefit of all who live, work or visit Kent.

"I want Kent to be the place of choice for the green industry."

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

McDonald's grilled for high-frequency alarm aimed at unruly youths

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COUNTY Hall chiefs have condemned the use of a Mosquito alarm to deter youngsters loitering outside McDonald's.

The high-pitched sound device, which can usually only be heard by people under 25, was installed at McDonald's in Week Street, Maidstone, following complaints of young people congregating at the entrance.

But Kent County Council has slammed the stringent measures taken by the food giant.

Cabinet member for customer and community services Cllr Mike Hill said following discussions with the Kent Youth County Council three years ago a decision was made to ban the use of the device on all KCC buildings.

It was one of the first local authorities in the country to issue such a ban. Cllr Hill said: "We oppose these devices as we believe the majority of young people make an enormous contribution to the county and there are more effective means to tackle the small number of those who cause disruption."



NOT LOVING IT: McDonald's

The Mosquito is a device that emits a high-frequency sound and is traditionally used to target antisocial behaviour through stopping groups of young people loitering. The noise can usually only be heard by people aged under 25 as the ability to hear high frequencies deteriorates with age.

But the action taken by McDonald's has come under fire from various groups.

Maidstone's Green Party called it a "full scale assault on hope for young people".

Stuart Jeffery, of Maidstone Green Party said: "If this was for keeping black people, women or the elderly away, McDonalds would rightly be prosecuted, so why should society tolerate discrimination against young people?"

But the fast-food restaurant defended the move.

A spokeswoman said: "The device is operated by the restaurant management only as a last resort if groups fail to move on after being asked to do so by the duty manager."

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OPINION

Don't think we're all corrupt

Chief Constable Ian Learmonth defends Kent Police, reminding us that the service are actively pursuing corruption and continuing to fight crime

IT is impossible to turn on the television or open a newspaper at the moment without seeing the police service being accused of the most serious wrongdoing.

Much of this criticism is lazy, ill-informed, and, when you dig into the detail, is just plain wrong.

The words 'police corruption' – the most heinous and dishonourable accusation that can be levelled against a police officer – are being bandied about with little concern for the facts.

Clearly there are issues to be investigated around phone hacking, but this does not warrant some individuals and organisations attempting to tar 140,000 dedicated public servants with the same brush. To do so is offensive and irresponsible.

Corruption is not prevalent in the police service, and I cannot allow any suggestion that it is to go unchallenged.

My view is well known on corruption – deal with it swiftly and decisively.

We do not want people like that in the service and Kent Police has an excellent record of identifying and dealing with that tiny proportion of officers who choose to disregard their Oath of Office and abuse the trust the public have given us.

It is worth remembering that in virtually every instance corrupt officers are uncovered by the work of other police officers – we are the first people to take responsibility, and to hold and be held to account when corruption surfaces.

Is there any other organisation that actively pursues corruption in the way the police service does?

The police service is still one of the most respected institutions and professions in British society, and rightly so.

I see exemplary and selfless acts by Kent Police officers every day that show that sacred trust is justified.

For example the officers who recently dived into a lake in perilous conditions to save the life of a motorist who had become trapped in her car; they rescued her and saved her life without a thought for their own safety. Or the two unarmed colleagues who only two weeks ago disarmed a man who took aim at them with a handgun.

We are in the only job where your instinct is to run towards danger rather than away from it.

I do not want the current national issues around phone hacking to give a distorted picture of policing in Kent.

Overall, crime has fallen again in the county over the last year, with significant reductions in crimes like burglary and criminal damage. This marks five years of sustained success in driving crime down.



"We are in the only job where the instinct is to run towards danger not away from it

Kent is one of the safest places to live in the UK, despite the challenge of having over 30 million people visit and travel through the county each year going to and from Europe.

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I would ask that the people of Kent do one thing – judge us on our results, their interactions with us day in and day out, and trust me and my officers to keep them safe, lock up criminals, and act with the highest standards of integrity.

KOS COMMENT

East losing uni battle to pushy Westerners

HISTORICALLY west Kent is the pushier part of the county, with parents going all out to ensure their child secures a grammar school place.

A pattern now seems to be emerging with top university admission figures showing the west outdoes the east.

Parents in east Kent do have aspirations as they send their children to grammar school, but in some cases it doesn't go further than that.

Ambition must be allied to the drive for achievement and results.

County's leading the way to London 2021

THE countdown has started for London 2012, and with less than a year left it's all systems go in raising the profile of Kent and its home-grown talent.

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Our youth will pay a high toll

I TOTALLY agree with Stuart Jeffery regarding the Government's lack of investment in our future generations (Letters, July 24).

Our government is paying out billions of pounds supporting countries such as Ireland, Portugal and Greece who are unable to live within their means.

Billions more is spent to fight futile wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya and other areas, and it contributes £12bn a year in aid to countries like China that have no need for our money

It pays out to the corrupt, undemocratic and disintegrating EU and more at home to support immigrants, asylum seekers, the work shy, scroungers and anybody with a sad story to tell.

Then when the old, sick, or just as vital to all of our futures, the young, come for their turn at the Government's bounteous well of money, it's almost run dry.

The lack of proper investment in our youth has been a scandal for many years, being behind many of the problems suffered by our materially obsessed society, but now it's hitting an all-time low.

They say that you can gauge a society by how it treats its old people.

I'd add to that it's also how it treats its sick and just as importantly, its young, as they are the providers and society of tomorrow.

Our politicians know the price of everything, but the value of nothing.

The academically rich and common sense and intelligence poor.

Phil Granger, West Malling

Be alert to the tree thieves

SOME months ago I wrote about my concerns for all the healthy trees being cut down in Folkestone.

But it seemed that nobody cared (apparently our MP Damian Collins will be looking into it).

Well now you should take note; our Castle Hill Avenue which has been a wonderful tree-lined area for many decades has been targeted by tree thieves who I am sure only cut them down to make wood chips to sell.

One such person was stopped from cutting down a healthy tree by the owner of the house it was outside, and when he told them he would call the police to settle the matter the perpetrators fled.

Now, if they had a legal order to do, why run away?

Something has to be done about it. If there are trees being cut down where you live, find out why and complain.

John R O'Neon
Folkestone

What price the countryside?

FOLLOWING the National Ecosystem Assessment there has been much recent press speculation about whether one can put a price on the countryside.

What is the value of Kent's rural environment? Should the cost of farming in a manner that enhances biodiversity be funded by the public purse in the shape of the agri/environmental schemes provided by the Common Agricultural Policy?

It is impossible to quantify fully the benefits of our countryside, they are to a large extent subjective and cover a wide range of diverse interests including tourism, recreation, access, biodiversity, food production and an attractive environment in which to live and work.

Conserving and enhancing habitats and ecosystems is costly. Our food bills do not recognise the cost of the environmental services farmers provide; such as the setting aside of field margins for pollinating and other beneficial (pest-eating) insects; leaving over-winter stubbles and provision of seed-bearing crops for birds; or protection of water courses.

As the market, or our grocery bills, do not pay for these environmental services, their cost is at least partially covered by environmental stewardship schemes.

At present, the CLA is the strongest advocate to maintain such payments within the Common Agricultural Policy, which is in the process of being reformed.

It is as well for us all to be aware that the land produces more than just food, and it is essential to maintain a mechanism to contribute to the cost of its environmental 'products'.

Left to the market alone, we can only expect the sort of farming we are prepared to pay for at the till.

Judith Norris, Kent chairman
Country Land and Business Association

Polytunnels a saving grace

CONGRATULATIONS to Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council for approving the use of polytunnels on the local Hugh Lowe fruit farm.

The farmer is growing a popular commercial crop of strawberries. In order to bring them to perfection at the right time it necessitates the protection of the polytunnels.

If the farmer cannot grow commercial crops the land will not be productive and her business would fail. Therefore, the land would have to be sold.

To the 200 faint-hearted complaining souls 'what would you rather see?'.

A productive field of food crops or the land sold and smothered with a maximum density housing estate with all the added aggravations and the loss of living, breathing land?

As for the possible drainage problem, could the water not be piped/channelled into underground tanks and used when the rain doesn't fall?

June Moore, Rusthall

Benefits woe for claimants

KENT Green Party has been investigating the impact of changes in housing benefit throughout Kent and Medway.

Research has shown cuts in housing benefit will hit households in every part of Kent and Medway.

At present, claimants include low-paid workers, unemployed job seekers and low-income pensioners.

Cuts mean claimants will only have access to the cheapest 30 per cent of rental properties, instead of the cheapest 50 per cent available before. About 15 per cent of households affected will lose more than £150 per week.

Proposed changes to housing benefit for people in supported housing by the Department for Work and Pensions are particularly cruel. They take no account of the resulting hardship. There are problems with the existing system, but these proposals are not the answer.

Homelessness in Kent has risen by a quarter in a year. Kent Green Party has already expressed concern about housing policies in Kent and Medway in its review of countywide housing policies.

We believe the costs of housing benefit can be reduced by introducing a living wage for Kent and Medway of £8.10 per hour. Also, the right to buy in council housing should end, to conserve this housing to meet demand.

Kent's population growth is estimated at more than 200,000 people in the next two decades and affordable housing need at about 12,000 units per year.

This makes it imperative to bring all empty homes and brownfield sites into use.

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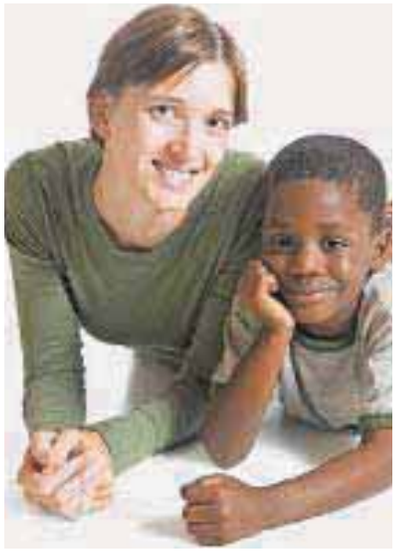
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FOSTERING

A caring nature is key to becoming a foster parent

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REWARDING: Giving foster children a home can help them through a difficult period in their lives

ACCORDING to the Fostering Network, more than 57,000 children live with foster families in the UK – so what is in store for those adults who decide to offer a home to children?

There is no age limit but you will have to go through a selection process that can take up to seven months.

Most children will continue to have contact with their birth parents. They may be placed with a foster carer just for a short time while a parent is in hospital or for longer periods while issues are resolved in a family, so foster carers have to be prepared to look after a number of children through the years.

Applicants might think the immediate body to approach regarding fostering would be their local authority, but there are also independent agencies.

The Integrated Service Programme (ISP), based in Sittingbourne, specialises in finding placements for children who are harder to home with carers.

A spokeswoman for the agency said: "The local authority usually has foster carers who look after children who are younger or less challenging. They turn to us because they do not have the resources to support carers that an independent agency has."

When making a referral the agency tries to match a prospective foster carer with the child, but the local authority will make the final decision.

Agencies such as ISP have therapists and support workers on hand to help.

They also run a school near Teynham, where children with social, emotional and behavioural difficulties are educated in a safe environment and can continue to have contact with their birth parents.

The spokeswoman said: "We always try to get them in a mainstream school but it is not always possible."

Not surprisingly, many children who need foster care have difficult backgrounds. They may have suffered from abuse or trauma leading to emotional problems, so an agency must be confident foster parents will be able to cope.

The spokeswoman said: "It is a tough process. We have a four or five-day course that they attend initially. There is usually a good response but we may have a few applicants drop out early when they realise it is not for them."

One practical problem is the need to have a spare room.

The spokeswoman said: "Every foster child has to have their own room unless they are siblings and sharing is agreed.

"Prior to being finally approved, our foster carers will spend a couple of months with an independent social worker doing a very thorough assessment of their whole history."

But whatever your background, as long as you can devote the time to create a safe, caring environment for a child, agencies want to hear from you.

The ISP spokeswoman said: "They don't have to be parents themselves. We have all different kinds of people. We have couples, same-sex couples, single carers, but obviously they have to have a caring nature."

Opening your home up to children with disabilities

FOSTER care can provide parents or guardians with the satisfaction of raising a child or giving a youngster a new home.

And there is more need than ever for prospective carers to come forward and provide a loving environment for children with disabilities.

Many people from all walks of life want to take up the rewarding job of fostering, but for guardians who have no experience of caring for disabled youngsters, training and support is needed before they can begin to make a difference.

Kent company Credo Care is one of those which specialises in recruiting, training and supporting carers to meet the needs of disabled children.

Based in Romney Marsh, Credo Care has been recruiting and guiding new foster parents to focus on youngsters with autism, cerebral palsy, gastrostomies, and learning difficulties.

A spokesman from the not-for-profit company said: "We respond to requests from local authority social services departments to place children when they are unable to continue to live with their parents.

"The children may need foster care if their parents feel unable to cope with the demands of providing direct care for the child, or if the child has been removed for their own safety."

The group was originally created by social work chief Roy Hipkiss, and priest Damien Mead, to benefit all youngsters in need of care, but the pair have since decided to specialise in those children with disabilities.

The company is also the only foster care provider in the UK accredited with the National Autistic Society.

The spokesman added: "When we place children our staff complete a comprehensive assessment of needs and ensure foster carers receive full training and have support systems in place to ensure placements succeed."

Benefits are there to see for guardians and parents who can better themselves with new levels of education through the foster care of youngsters, with companies like Credo Care offering a Children's Workforce Development Council NVQ 3 on completion of training.

The support network for prospective parents is also better than ever, as carers for disabled children can be offered up to 21 nights of 'respite care' a year.

The group has been rated as outstanding by the schools watchdog Ofsted and Credo Care also offers fostering allowances of up to £500 per week per child plus benefits.

The spokesman added that improving a child's life can be the most satisfying thing for any parent.

He said: "The company has benefited, and taken pleasure, in the work of some excellent staff and foster carers who provide the best foster placements for some of the most difficult to place children.

"There are countless examples of the brilliant achievements of Credo's children, some of whom have limited life expectancy.

"Everyone connected to the agency believes very strongly that all disabled children deserve the opportunity to live in families, and will continue to find carers and offer these chances to children in residential care and long-term hospital."



HELP: Foster parents for disabled children are desperately needed

This opportunity is not that healthy



TONY HETHERINGTON
MONEY CLINIC

Q I HAVE recently had problems with a company called Vitamail, sending items to me that I had not ordered and then taking payment from my bank account. I did place an order for one item, but Vitamail included something I had not ordered and charged me £24 for it. A few days later I received a parcel of several items – none of which I had ordered – and Vitamail took another £71 from my account. According to the delivery note, my order was placed by phone – but I have no phone number for the company. I asked my bank to reverse the payments, but it says it cannot do this. All the bank will do is put a note on my file to stop any further payments. As a pensioner, I cannot afford to lose £95.

A Vitamail has used post office box numbers in London and Bedford, but in fact this is a French company. Its real name is not even Vitamail – it is Promondo – and it has been scamming people in Britain for years. It churns out huge numbers of letters, telling people they have won thousands of pounds. Some letters are accompanied by mock cheques.
All you have to do to claim your prize is return a form, which handily turns out to be an order form as well, for Vitamail's health supplements and bathroom products. The letters are cleverly worded so that people believe they have already won a fortune.
The truth is that all they have got is an entry in a sweepstake, along with thousands and thousands of others.
Vitamail is very good at whipping up enthusiasm so customers believe a big win is just around the corner, if only they place one more order. I first investigated complaints against Vitamail about five years ago and was told the Advertising Standards Authority would enlist the help of European consumer protection watchdogs to take action. Since then, nothing seems to have happened, despite warnings against Vitamail from some trading standards officials.
This should not let your bank off the hook, though. Demand to know by what right the bank chooses to believe that you ordered the unwanted goods. Is the bank really putting Vitamail ahead of you, its customer? And if the bank refuses to change its mind, and won't snatch back the cash from Vitamail's bank, complain to the Financial Ombudsman (0800 023 4567).

Q THANK you for looking into my problem with travel company Ken Clarkson Ltd. When you printed my letter in June, you reported that insolvency practitioners in Birmingham had called a meeting of creditors, but they have told me they are no longer involved.

A The collapse of Ken Clarkson is looking more and more curious. Its director, Muhammad Wazim Anjum, placed an official announcement in the Government's London Gazette, calling a meeting of creditors and saying that details of the company's debts could be obtained from an insolvency firm in Birmingham. But the insolvency firm backed out and the meeting was called off.
So does this mean the company is still in business? Well, no, it doesn't.
Details of who owns Ken Clarkson were due at Companies House in Cardiff in March. They failed to arrive, and at the end of June officials started legal proceedings to strike the company off, meaning it would cease to exist.
Then suddenly, on July 20, those proceedings were put on ice. This usually means an official investigation has begun, or that someone like you who is owed money has started court proceedings, so the company will not be wound up just yet. Of course, you could sue the company for the return of the money you paid in advance for your trip. You could do this in person or through a solicitor. But do be aware that the company almost certainly has no cash to pay you – even if you win in court. The big question is, where did the money go?

Q I RECEIVED a letter from a credit card company, thanking me for my application. However, I made no such application. On closer inspection, I realised the letter was addressed to me, but with the title "Mrs", even though I am not married. Can you offer any advice?

A IF THIS was definitely a personal letter, and not some sort of mass mailshot, then it appears someone has used your name to try to get a credit card. It could even be someone who has access to your home. Inform the card company immediately. Ask for a copy of the application in case you can recognise the writing. And it would be worth monitoring your credit agency file in case the trickster has already used your name elsewhere.

■ If you have a personal-finance question, write to Tony Hetherington, MyMoney24, Prospect House, Rouen Road, Norwich NR1 1RE. Neither Tony nor the MyMoney24 team can enter into personal correspondence.

British Gas fined for complaints failings

By Adam Aiken
MyMoney 24 editor

BRITISH Gas has been hit with a £2.5 million fine for failing to deal with customer complaints properly.

The company, which supplies nearly half of all UK households, was fined by energy regulator Ofgem for failing to reopen complaint cases when customers claimed their issues had not been resolved.

The move will be particularly embarrassing for British Gas, which announced massive price rises only recently. Nine million of its customers will be hit when the supplier raises gas and electricity prices by an average of 18pc and 16pc respectively from the middle of August.

It was found guilty of breaching regulations that set standards for complaint handling – rules that came into effect three years ago.

"Today's finding highlights basic failures in British Gas's customer service, particularly in dealing with some of its small business customers, and shows Ofgem's commitment to use its powers to ensure suppliers treat customers fairly and transparently," said Sarah Harrison, senior partner for sustainable development at Ofgem.

"We warned the industry in March that we would be backing up our plans to reform the retail market with a tough approach to enforcement."

British Gas said Ofgem's finding was "totally disproportionate", but it did admit it failed on the issue of dealing with "micro-businesses".

A spokesman said: "We knew we had an issue, which is why we flagged it to Ofgem. After a £4m investment, we are now confident we meet all of our regulatory requirements."

Ofgem's inquiries are not focused solely on British Gas.

It is investigating npower and EDF Energy for complaint handling, while Scottish Power, Scottish and Southern Energy, EDF Energy, and npower are being investigated for mis-selling.

There are also investigations into Scottish Power under way, for potentially misleading marketing and the difference between its standard credit and direct-debit tariffs.

Although the British Gas focuses mainly on the company's small-business customers, analysts said the issue affected both consumers and businesses.

James Constant, of Uswitch.com, said: "Ofgem's fine sends a very clear message to suppliers that the treatment of customers and handling of complaints needs to improve."



WRONG NUMBER: Millions of people are wasting money buying standalone insurance policies for mobile phones when their home policies provide adequate coverage

Don't waste money on phone insurance

MILLIONS of people are paying for mobile phone insurance policies they don't need.

According to a study of the burgeoning market, more than five-and-a-half million mobile users could be doubling-up on their insurance by buying standalone policies even though their home insurers already provide them with cover.

Networks and phone retailers often encourage customers to take out insurance for new handsets at the point of purchase, and Giffgaff – which compiled the research – said the average monthly charge for this kind of policy is £8.20.

This means that if someone already has sufficient cover via a home insurance policy, more than £100 a year is being thrown away on something that isn't needed.

The situation can be even worse with smartphones which can cost up to £14 a month to insure through standalone policies.

"The rise of the smartphone has seen a rise in the uptake of insurance policies, so it's really important that consumers are aware of which policies cover their handsets, to avoid paying over the odds," said Mike Fairman, chief executive of Sim-only network Giffgaff.

"The mobile retailers will only be too happy to sign people up to the higher-premium insurance policies, and they often apply the pressure using scare tactics to make consumers sign up on the spot.

"I'd urge anyone who's thinking about insuring their handset to check with their home insurance provider to avoid wasting their hard-earned money."

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INSIDE THIS WEEK

THE latest Gross Domestic Product figure shows the economy expanded by just 0.2 per cent in the last quarter, down from 0.5 per cent in Q1. The figure suggests growth is slowing and perilously close to the dreaded minus number of recession. Kent and Medway's Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) has called for immediate VAT cuts to be implemented in a bid to boost growth across the region. The FSB has also urged the Government to extend National Insurance holidays given to firms in the north and west of the UK to companies across the South East.

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Garden of England: the home of eco-business

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KCC leader Paul Carter has unveiled plans to build on the county's blossoming eco-economy.

Speaking at the launch of the authority's latest green scheme, entitled Growing the Garden of England: A Strategy for Environment and Economy in Kent, Cllr Carter said he wanted to encourage more industry leaders to invest in the county.

"Earlier this year, we sat down with around 100 businesses at Kent's first low carbon sector conversation to listen to what these companies needed to grow," he said.

"We're now acting on what they told us. We want to develop Kent as a leading location for renewable energy, cleantech and environmental technologies, building on our engineering and manufacturing base, and our massive potential in the renewable sector.

"Our Environment and Economy Strategy and the investment in green business will directly support new private sector economic growth and jobs.

"We want to develop our business supply chains using Kent's new 'Green Chain' directory to promote local suppliers of emerging green technologies and services.



GREEN TEAM: Swale council leader Andrew Bowles, KCC leader Paul Carter, Thanet South MP Laura Sandys, and H+H managing director Mark Oliver

"And we want to slash energy bills through better insulation, establishing a new market for Kent firms in fitting homes and businesses with energy saving devices and renewable technology where it's proven they can make a demonstrable difference and really cut fuel bills.

"We also know that businesses and employees want a high quality environment in which to work. The combination of our 'Garden of England' countryside, excellent transport links to Europe and quality of life are unrivalled.

"We must continue to safeguard our precious natural environment."

The strategy, launched in Thanet, was supported by the town's MP, Laura Sandys, who welcomed the commitment to the green economy.

She said: "Kent is already emerging as the county of choice for green investment.

"With two of the largest wind farms in the world, east Kent now has a concentration of forward-thinking, innovative green companies, making Kent a prime location for the roll-out of more low carbon industries and training facilities.

"By recognising the immense opportunities attached to the green economy, we have ensured green industry is central to Kent's vision for local jobs and future growth.

"The Launch of the Kent Environment Strategy will ensure that Kent owns this economic opportunity. With the green sector valued at an incredible £3.2 trillion, this is good news for small businesses, investors and residents alike."

Cllr Carter concluded: "By working together this environment and economy strategy shows how we can begin to truly unlock our environmental potential for the benefit of all who live, work or visit Kent.

I want Kent to be the place of choice for the green industry."

ACQUISITION

Saco snaps up AEI in £8.6m deal

PLASTICS manufacturer AEI Compounds has been bought out in an £8.6 million deal.

The Sandwich-based firm, which supplies to the wire and cable industry in the European, Middle Eastern, Asian and African markets, was acquired by Saco Polymers Inc, Wisconsin, US.

The deal was funded by Centric Commercial Finance in an asset-based lending (ABL) deal.

Saco chief executive Phil Zuehlke said: "ABL is more widely used and respected in the US and I think UK businesses are just now discovering the benefits of this type of financing.

"When we approached one particular UK bank for a loan we were told that it would take three to four months for them to make a decision.

"Centric stepped up and delivered the deal within two weeks of legal instruction."

Centric's business development director Jeff Greenfield said: "Saco is acquiring a fantastic business and one that will go from strength to strength."

TRAVEL



Joint bid to take over struggling ferry route

FERRY operators DFDS and Louis Dreyfus Armateurs have submitted a joint bid for the SeaFrance Dover-Calais route.

The proposed deal is subject to a number of conditions and needs to be approved by relevant competition authorities.

If given the green light, it would bring stability to the cross-Channel passenger route, which hit troubled waters in June last year, when SeaFrance went into receivership.

A joint statement from DFDS and Louis Dreyfus Armateurs, better known as LD Lines, read: "If the bid is successful DFDS and Louis Dreyfus Armateurs will form a jointly owned company, with DFDS as the majority shareholder, to acquire the assets of SeaFrance. It is furthermore the intention to transfer DFDS' Dover-Dunkirk route and Louis Dreyfus Armateurs' ferry shipping activities, LD Lines, to the joint company."

In 2010, SeaFrance carried close to three million passengers between Dover and Calais.

REBATE

Fruit growers will share £2m payout

FRUIT supplier Berry Gardens is set to pass on a £2 million rebate to its army of growers.

The Tonbridge co-operative, which saw turnover rise to a record £193 million in 2010, mark the return payment in spectacular fashion, with a giant cheque – measuring 24ft by 15ft – flown overhead at the Fruit Focus Show, held at the East Malling Research Institute, Maidstone, last week.

A company spokesman said: "The rebate is the largest returned to our members."

Based in Kent, Berry Gardens is one of the UK's premier soft fruit and stone fruit suppliers. Founded more than 35 years ago, Berry Gardens is the UK's leading berry production and marketing group with a 30 per cent market share during the UK season and a year round business supplying all of Britain's leading retailers.

As a co-operative, Berry Gardens is wholly owned by UK growers, making the Berry Gardens proposition unique in the UK agricultural market.

COMMENT

I AM a changed man, dear readers, thanks to The Open championship, held in Sandwich earlier this month.

Prior to the tournament I was somewhat of a London 2012 Olympic Games Scrooge, a disgruntled British taxpayer who would have rather seen countless billions of Government cash pumped into schools, the NHS and SMEs rather than thrown at the Olympics.

My logic was seemingly sound; we don't have a great record of big budget builds (Wembley Stadium, the Millennium Dome) nor the money to waste on a one-off extravagance.

But long before Northern Ireland's Darren Clarke lifted the Claret Jug at the east Kent Open, I was passionately pro-London 2012. By then it had become clear what a resounding financial success the tournament would be for Kent both in the immediate and medium-term.

Plans had been put in place to capitalise on The Open by encouraging tournament visitors back to the county in the future.

It is thought this repeat business, which will benefit not only Kent's golf courses but hotels, restuarants, travel firms and so on, could be worth £40 million – the same as the direct spend seen during The Open. The London 2012 Games give Kent another opportunity to showcase its wares to the world and this time on a truly global scale. The Games could finally give the economy the boost it needs to deliver lasting growth. With this revelation the 2012 Scrooge is no more – go Team GB!

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"The London 2012 Games give Kent another opportunity to showcase its wares to the world on a truly global scale



Right advice could be key to stopping your business going under

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A COMMON SIGHT: More and more high streets are seeing the closure of many retailers including big name brands such as Jane Norman and Mothercare as the current economical downturn hits cashflows

STRUGGLING High Street retailers must stay one step ahead of their competitors if they want to avoid administration, according to a leading business advisor.

Crowe Clark Whitehill, based in Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells, said firms that are being squeezed by the current downturn can take steps to secure their survival.

The advice comes after a number of big-name retailers called in administrators or announced store closures.

The list of struggling firms includes Thorntons, Jane Norman, Habitat, Mothercare and TJ Hughes.

Crowe Clark Whitehill's Mark Newman said: "Nobody can have missed the rise in the number of empty units on the high street and in shopping centres across the country.

"For retailers it is vital they take a realistic look at their own business and those of their competitors.

"Many need to consider how, if they are fighting the internet on price, they can differentiate themselves by offering a bespoke service."

Mr Norman said it was vital that financially-troubled businesses sought help from a wealth of professionals – from accountants, bankers and solicitors – as they will have seen many other businesses in the same situation and can offer advice.

He said: "Many business owners talk to friends and family, but often they will tell you what you want to hear and are rarely impartial or emotionally unattached.

"The key challenge facing most retailers is cashflow. Working with your accountant you may be able to put a case to HMRC and negotiate a 'time to pay' arrangement for future PAYE and VAT.

"If the business can survive, but it has a residue of hard-core debt, speak to your accountant or an insolvency practitioner about the various options open to the business.

"The most important thing is to act quickly, don't ignore the problem hoping it will go away, and remember to communicate with the people to whom you owe money.

"Let them know how you are addressing your cashflow issue, and assure them you will keep them informed on a regular basis.

"Retailers should also examine how important they are as customers to their suppliers, and try to arrange for stock to be provided on a 'sale or return' basis.

"Cashflow can also be improved by negotiating with the landlord to accept monthly rental terms, or a turnover-based rent."

Mr Norman said the recent pain felt by high street retailers would have far-reaching knock-on effects.

"The plight of the high street will also ripple out across the economy," he said.

"Commercial landlords are increasingly finding themselves with empty premises, yet still having to pay business rates.

"The wholesalers, distributors and manufacturers are seeing their own sales falter, using fewer haulage companies, less packaging and other retail-related services."

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Jobs go at airport as improved working patterns save £350,000

FOUR Manston Airport employees are being made redundant.

The job losses come at the end of a cost-cutting consultation programme with staff that examined working patterns.

Airport chief executive Charles Buchanan said: "As a result of this process the airport has identified more than £350,000 of savings by improving how we match our teams working times with traffic patterns. Four positions are being made redundant.

"As the airport strives to attract new business it is important the cost base is kept as low as possible and we reduce the airport's current operating losses. Increasing the attractiveness of the airport to potential new customers will be key to ensuring the business becomes a commercial success.

"I would like to thank all our staff for the positive way in which they have contributed to the process. As a result of the consultation the airport is now on a more sustainable footing for the future as we seek to grow the business."

Paper firm adopts Smith name as part of rebranding

THE owner of Kemsley Mill has been renamed as part of a Europe-wide rebranding.

St Regis Paper Company Ltd has adopted the name DS Smith Paper Ltd as part of a wider move to align the firm within the parent DS Smith Group, a company that employs 12,000 employees in 16 countries and has a turnover of £2.4 billion.

DS Smith Paper managing director Chris Rosser said: "This change is to enable us to present ourselves with greater clarity to all of our customers, at whatever point in the supply chain, and also to our investors.

"By bringing all the various parts of the business under one single DS Smith brand we will have a much greater presence in the marketplace.

"As we look to grow our business we want the DS Smith name to be associated with being able to offer our customers something unique – fully aligned recycling, papermaking and packaging businesses with the same company."

DS Smith Paper is the leading UK producer of recycled paper. It employs 800 staff at Kemsley Mill and also has mills in Devon, Lancashire and Somerset.



MONEY MATTERS: Figures this week showed that the UK's GDP had only risen by 0.2 per cent over the last quarter

Kent business bosses call for VAT cut to help 'stagnant' economy

GROWTH slowed to just 0.2 per cent in the last quarter, prompting Kent business bosses to make further calls for VAT cuts and additional incentives.

The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) figures released this week have been received differently, as is to be expected, by Chancellor George Osborne and his Labour equivalent, Ed Balls.

Tory Mr Osborne said the growth, despite being minimal, was still growth and should be viewed as positive post-recession news, while Mr Balls said the Government's hard line on cutting the budget deficit was choking the recovery.

Roger House, chairman of Federation of Small Businesses Kent and Medway, leaned more to the side of the shadow chancellor, calling the economy "stagnant".

He said: "Indications that the economy is growing very slowly do not come as a surprise as small business confidence also fell in the second quarter of this year.

"Our FSB Kent Small Business Barometer for May, 2011, revealed that while business in the county had climbed up from the depths of the recession in October, 2008, their future prospects have remained static over the past six months.

"A minimal GDP growth of 0.2 per cent shows that the economy has remained stagnant and growth is going to remain subdued as long as consumer confidence is weak and household budgets are squeezed.

"While Government plans to encourage export-led growth are necessary for long-term economic rebalancing, the Government badly needs to find ways to improve confidence and kick-start the recovery in the short term.

"The FSB is calling for the Employers National Insurance holiday granted to firms taking on new employees in the north and west of the UK to be extended to parts of Kent where there are high levels of unemployment and economic deprivation.

"The FSB is also calling for a cut in VAT to five per cent in the construction and tourism sectors to provide the much-needed boost to both consumer and business confidence that will help to stimulate the demand that we need for a faster economic recovery."

Ash cloud good news for Eurostar as revenues increase by 12 per cent

EUROSTAR has recorded a four per cent rise in revenue to £421 million.

The high-speed rail service, which stops at Ebbsfleet and Ashford, also saw passenger numbers rise by three per cent, from 4.6 million in the first six months of 2010, to 4.7 million during the same period this year.

Eurostar bosses said the dual increase was particularly strong given that the 2010 figures were boosted by increased revenue resulting from the volcanic ash cloud disruption in Iceland that year – with 100,000 extra customers switching to rail during the crisis.

Excluding the impact of the ash cloud, revenue rose by 12 per cent year-on-year. This was attributed to consumers prioritising leisure travel over other discretionary purchases and a spike in international passenger travel.

Eurostar chief executive Nicolas Petrovic said: "Despite the pressures on household budgets, consumers are choosing to prioritise leisure travel over other discretionary purchases.

"In this difficult economic climate, we are finding customers attach even greater value to their leisure time and are protecting short breaks and time away with family and friends.



"The growth in the number of travellers heading for London earlier in the year has gathered momentum and in the first half international bookings have gone up by more than 20 per cent. With Royal Wedding fever, London 2012 and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on the horizon, London remains a hot destination for international visitors."

NETWORKING

Space under BIG umbrella

KENT companies are being invited to show off their wares at the UK's largest regional manufacturing exhibition.

Business Innovation Growth Kent (BIG-Kent) is urging businesses to set up stall at Southern Manufacturing 2012, held in Farnborough in February.

This year's two-date technology, electronics and subcontracting exhibition attracted 6,000 visitors.

A BIG-Kent spokesman said: "Our member companies were given the invaluable opportunity to exhibit under the BIG-Kent umbrella, providing a high value platform to increase the profile of their company on a national and international level.

"For 2012, BIG-Kent once again invites our members and local companies to join us in exhibiting at this event at our specially-reserved exhibition space."

BIG-Kent is a collaborative business network established in 2009.

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TECHNOLOGY

Lifestyle adopts auto e-gadget

E-COMMERCE developer GForces' latest online wizardry has been snapped up by a fellow cutting-edge Kent firm.

The Bearsted-based company's Auto E-commerce platform – which allows customers to browse through cars, compare prices, read independent reviews and take a virtual test drive – has been taken up by Lifestyle Europe, which has its headquarters in Maidstone.

GForces managaing director Giles Smith said: "We are delighted the first dealer in the UK to begin selling new cars online is from Kent – once again illustrating how the county leads the way in terms of developing innovative solutions for businesses and consumers alike."

Lifestyle Europe's managing director Peter Isted added: "We have taken the decision to utilise this new sales platform to enhance our business here in the South East, while also appealing to buyers further afield."

TOURISM

Britain by boat from Kent port

FIVE leading cruise companies have unveiled plans to operate round Britain breaks from Dover.

Fred. Olsen, Saga, Princess Cruises, Oceania and Crystal cruise ships will set sail from the Kent port from summer next year.

Port of Dover commercial and marketing boss Kate O'Hara said: "As the gateway to England and with the famous White Cliffs of Dover behind it, Dover Cruise Port offers the perfect start to passengers looking for an extensive choice of cruises which explore Britain's treasures.

"At a time when many families have to consider their budget this niche market offers value for money while affording an opportunity to experience the elegance and charm of a cruise."

The various round-Britain trips offered by the cruise liners stop off at locations including the Isle of Man, Guernsey, Dublin, Glasgow, Edinburgh and Amsterdam.

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Keep Kent Working!
It's jobs for Kent

Employers on board for work skills event

By Steve Knight
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EMPLOYERS from across the county invested in the workforce of tomorrow by participating in a series of secondary school workshops.

More than 500 students at Simon Langton Girls' Grammar School took part in activities that involved them working directly with businesses such as Mowll & Mowll solicitors, Pearson UK, Pfizer, and the NHS.

While year nine children carried out their activities on the school site, girls from year 10 worked on seven different challenges set by employers as part of a three-day event called Make it Work.

Meanwhile, more than 40 students from Year 11 took part in a week's work experience as Year 12s participated in the annual Challenge of Management conference at St Lawrence cricket ground in Canterbury.

Headteacher Jane Robinson said: "These events form part of a progressive scheme of work-related learning here at Simon Langton, and we're very proud of the high quality work our students have all produced throughout this busy week.

"Employers and facilitators have been very impressed with the level of ability, creativity and maturity shown by our students."

The workshops offered to Year 9 students featured talks and practical activities about nursing, law, physiotherapy and occupational therapy, sports studies, design, creative marketing, pharmaceutical careers, clinical research, engineering, journalism and dance.

In the afternoon the girls delivered creative presentations about what they had learned.

Solicitor Amy Husk from Dover-based Mowll & Mowll said: "In the workshops we conducted a mock trial. The girls had to think really hard about important legal issues such as a defendant being innocent until proven guilty and why we have trial by jury.

"They also learned about what is involved in different roles within the legal profession, and the qualifications needed.

"The workshops clearly inspired the girls to think about a career in law in the future, as I had more questions than I could answer."

The challenges tackled by Year 10 students were set by a range of employers, including the University for the Creative Arts, NatWest, and East Kent Microbiology Services.

News for Schools set them the task of creating new publications for teenagers, and four of those who took part – Ellie Bergin, Jag Klimowicz, Miranda Lyle and Ashley Gawler – wrote an article about the experience.

They said: "Overall this has been an incredibly useful experience for the girls. It has allowed them to experience many professions and see if the subjects they were thinking of continuing were the right ones for them, as well as giving them skills for future jobs.

"Many also benefited from attending a job interview which has taught them to overcome their anxiety."

What is your business doing to help Keep Kent Working? Do you send employees on training courses to aid their personal development or run apprenticeship schemes? If you have a good news story email steve.knight@archant.co.uk or give him a call on 01303 817136.



KNOWLEDGE: Louise Derbyshire points out the challenges wheelchair users face

KCC sets up new jobs taskforce

KENT County Council has set up a taskforce to investigate how young people are preparing for the world of work.

The new Student Journey select committee will look at what types of vocational education are available, how learning and skills providers are contributing, and what careers advice is available.

Members of the taskforce have already interviewed a range of experts and will talk to young people in schools, colleges and universities from September.

Committee chairman Cllr Kit Smith said: "It may be a cliche, but young people are the future.

"We need to make sure their aspirations have no boundaries and that they have the right opportunities to gain the qualifications and skills for a rewarding career.

"In the current economic climate, competition for post-16 education, employment or training is high, and it has never been more important to make sure students leave school informed and prepared for the next stage of their lives."

Helping hand for eco-plumbers

PLUMBING solutions firm Uponor has supplied a range of equipment to the Sevenoaks Energy Academy to help workers develop their eco-credentials.

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Offerings and markets manager Chris Greaves said: "Training has always been an important focus for Uponor. More than 10,000 professionals worldwide attend our seminars, gaining hands-on product, design and installation instruction.

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Christ Church students do better than most, says national survey

A NATIONAL report has found that Canterbury Christ Church University has one of the highest rates of student employability in England.

The DLHE (Destination of Leavers from Higher Education) survey for 2009-10 revealed that 94.3 per cent of full-time first degree leavers found employment or further study within six months of leaving the university.

Canterbury Christ Church is rated 13th in England and 17th out of all UK institutions, with most of those ranked above being specialist institutions.

Director of student support and guidance Geoff Haworth said: "This is an excellent outcome for our students, whose investment in their education is now paying dividends for them.

"Christ Church is taking forward the employability agenda and providing our students with a wide range of opportunities to develop their skills and become the type of graduate employers are looking for.

"The survey results reflect the focus of our academy staff and employability services, and our students' success in securing work in difficult economic times."

Canterbury Christ Church has the largest number of public service-related courses in the South East – excluding London – and is one of the largest teacher training centres in the UK.

Newspaper art director given honour

SUNDAY Times art director Jeff Potter is among the former students to have received an honorary degree from the University for the Creative Arts.

An alumnus of the Maidstone College of Art – now UCA Maidstone – Mr Potter graduated in 1992 with a first class honours degree in visual communication. Within six months he joined the Sunday Times as a junior designer before working his way up to art director on the Culture magazine.

He joins other previous students including Pineapple Dance Studio founder Debbie Moore and One Young World creator Kate Robinson in being awarded honorary degrees this month.

Mr Potter said: "I feel extremely proud and honoured to receive an honorary degree from my old university. It's a real validation of my work and the years I have spent in the industry.

"You don't usually receive much praise as an art director – the credit usually goes to the journalist or photographer – so it's extra special for me to be recognised in this way.

"I hope the students are inspired by a fellow graduate receiving an honorary degree because I hope it shows them what you can do after leaving UCA."

Mr Potter has worked on various sections of the Sunday Times including books, money and business, and was put in charge of the revamped Culture section in 1999.

He has recently worked on the designs for the new iPad edition of the Times – a project rated the best magazine or newspaper app in the world by the iPad monitoring service iMonitor.



PROUD: Sunday Times art director Jeff Potter

Vice-chancellor Prof Elaine Thomas said: "We are delighted to welcome Jeff back to the university. Since studying with us he has established an impressive career.

"His ability to adapt his design skills to move with technological changes shows our students the importance of diversification within their field."

UCA currently has 7,000 students with campuses in Canterbury, Maidstone and Rochester.

Pilot scheme success may lead to more DIY lessons for Kent teens

B&Q is planning to offer a DIY training course to schools in Medway following the success of a pilot project with the Will Adams Centre.

Young people aged 14-16 spent eight weeks learning a range of skills including how to use tools, plumbing, wallpaper hanging, laminate floor laying, woodwork, and tiling.

They completed their last session at B&Q's Gillingham store last week and were presented with certificates to mark the occasion.

Will Adams deputy head Rodney Parr said: "B&Q opened these classes up for our young people to try and engage them in DIY.

"The new skills our young people have learned during the course are remarkable. It's all thanks to the B&Q tutors for enabling us to achieve so much in a short time.

"The young people have enjoyed their time at B&Q and have done extremely well, gaining a whole range of new skills that will be useful to them when they leave school and in future life."

According to a survey of 2,500 people aged 18-65, only 59 per cent of under-35s know how to wire a plug compared to 86 per cent of over-50s.

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For more information or to send your details please contact Zoe
zoe@communitynursingcareagency.co.uk
01233 619530

BROGDALE COLLECTIONS

EVENTS AND MARKETING MANAGER

BROGDALE COLLECTIONS
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Brogdale Collections is a Registered Charity responsible for Public Access to the National Fruit Collections at Brogdale Farm, Faversham.

We currently welcome around 17000 visitors each year to a range of events and activities and are planning substantial developments to secure the sustainable future of the Living Collection at Brogdale Farm.

The successful applicant for this full time position will be energetic, have lots of enthusiasm, the ability to think on their feet and be prepared to be hands on.

Working on your own initiative you will need to be creative in seeking opportunities and should have experience in all aspects of running a small business. Some knowledge of charity work will be an advantage as well as an understanding of running a very small office including volunteers.

You should have strong communication, interpersonal and leadership skills and experience of event planning and management. This is definitely not a 9 to 5 role and weekend work will be required at certain times.

Terms and Conditions by negotiation.

Closing date for applications **10/08/11** by email to: **sallyroger@brogdalecollections.co.uk**

THE KENT AUTISTIC TRUST

a better life, a better future

As a charitable Trust, we provide high quality services across Kent for adults and Children with Autism Spectrum Conditions (ASC) and their families and are proud to offer individual, tailor made, person centred solutions of support of vocational and life skill services through our supported living, residential and day centres. The Trust encourages maximum independence, choice and use of community resources, within a supportive environment.

We are now recruiting to our supported living services in Medway and are looking for people who are enthusiastic, proactive, caring, flexible and keen to make a difference and enhance the work provided by the Trust.

Supported Living Manager

£25,306 - £29,519

As every day is different, you must be an effective problem solver and able to demonstrate your knowledge and experience to lead and support our team to promote and develop the service to the benefit of our clients. It is essential that you have experience and a good understanding of Autism as you will be 'hands on' 3-5 days a week.

Senior Support Worker

£14,674 - £16,405

If you have a keen desire to develop the awareness, independence, physical, intellectual, emotional and social development our clients then this is the position for you to expand your career in social care.

Night Support Worker

£13,505

This role requires providing care, medication and undertake light domestic duties during the night as required. Ideally you will have care experience and knowledge of Autism. Training will be provided.

For further information please contact Jacqui Ingram on **01634 405168**.

An application pack can be downloaded from **www.kentautistic.com**.

Head Office - Medway
Part Time Finance Assistant

This part time post is for 8 hours per week worked over 2 days. Experience preferred but not essential as training will be given. However, you must be numerate and competent using Microsoft Excel.

For further information or an application form please contact the Finance Manager, Kim Winfield: **01634-405168 finance@kentautistic.com**

As an equal opportunity employer with Investor in People status, we welcome applications from a wide section of the community. Applicants offered employment are subject to an enhanced criminal record check from the Criminal Records Bureau paid for by the Trust.

Closing date: 12th August 2011

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We are now recruiting in **Ashford and Canterbury** and are looking for people who are enthusiastic, proactive, caring, flexible and keen to make a difference and enhance the work provided by the Trust.

Residential Senior Support Worker
£14,674 - £16,405

If you have a keen desire to develop the awareness, independence, physical, intellectual, emotional and social development our clients then this is the position for you to expand your career in social care.

Individual Support Worker
£14,229 - £15,342

Casual Care and Handy Workers
- flexible contracts

Do you want to work in a supportive caring environment?

Would you like the chance to try a new career choice?

Would you like to support people with learning disabilities to have a great life?

Do you enjoy making a difference and rising to a positive challenge?

Do you have a positive outlook, a "can do" attitude and have plenty of energy?

Then we are looking for you to join our specialist team!

The Role: **Individual Support Worker Salary £14,229pa**
- if you do not have any experience working with people with Learning Disabilities

£15,324pa if you have more than one year's experience and hold a qualification

It is a requirement that the applicant is able to drive.

If this sounds like your ideal job then please call our Head Office on

(01634) 405168

Speak to Jacqui for an application pack.

Visit our website **www.kentautistic.com** where you can also apply online.

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Closing date: 12th August 2011

FULL TIME CUSTOMER SERVICES ASSISTANT

Are you able to do several things at once?
Work under pressure?
Keep calm and still keep smiling?
Then this is for you!

You will need to be experienced in customer care, have accurate keyboard skills, be able to use a digital camera and unblock a jammed printer.

A friendly confident manner and the ability to work as part of a team are required for this key position where you will need to work Saturdays and until 7pm on some evenings.

Please let me know, in your own handwriting, why you are right for this vacancy and send it to me along with your C.V. by Saturday 13th August.

Lisa Durrant, Customer Services Team Leader,
Niall O'Kane Optometrists,
78-80 High Street, Strood, ROCHESTER, Kent ME2 4AR



Bethany Lodge Care Home, Eastbridge Rd, Dymchurch
Requires:

REGISTERED NURSE

For night duty 8pm to 8am to join our friendly and caring team in meeting the needs of our physically disabled adults. Good rates of pay and training opportunities.

Please contact: Paul Mills 01303 872289 for more information and an application form
Successful applicants will be required to undergo a CRB check



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KENT DEFENCE

CASE WORKER

Expanding firm of criminal defence lawyers seek a case worker to help in the preparation of Magistrates Court cases at our Margate Office.

Previous experience preferred, however, we would consider a law graduate for the role.

Please send your CV and covering letter to
Sarah Sutherland, 170 Northdown Road, Cliftonville, Kent, CT9 2QT
or via email **sarahs@kentdefence.co.uk**
Closing date 19th August. No agencies please.

West Kent YMCA
Vehicle for Change: project ends 12/2013

Detached Youth Worker (17.5 hrs wk)

£10kpa+pension+healthcare

Deliver information, advice & support to young people

Closing date 8/8/11 - Interview 12/8/11 - Youth Panel 14/8/11

Flexible working: evenings, weekends, school holidays

Able to drive a minibus, Enhanced CRB

www.WestKentYMCA.org.uk
Jobs@WestKentYMCA.org.uk
Text 07941388852 Elizabeth 01892 542209

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Career opportunities at MidKent College

Earn while you learn!

MidKent College based in the Medway Towns and Maidstone is seeking to appoint outstanding apprentices in the following areas:

Business Administration ***Hair Technician***
Youth Workers
Electronic Engineering Technician ***Job Shop Assistants (Recruitment)***

We are looking for enthusiastic individuals who will benefit from gaining their first NVQ Qualification whilst working in a stimulating environment. Successful candidates will work towards the apprenticeship framework including a relevant NVQ Level within their chosen subject area.

Training allowance: £6,314 per annum plus reward bonus upon successful completion of the NVQ Qualification.

Advert closing date: 12 noon Thursday 18 August 2011
Interviews scheduled to begin week commencing 29 August 2011
Anticipated start date of employment: 12 September 2011

The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau check in accordance with the College procedure.

Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk.
Alternatively, please e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk.
For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the HR department on 01634 383102 (24 hour answer machine).
In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number.

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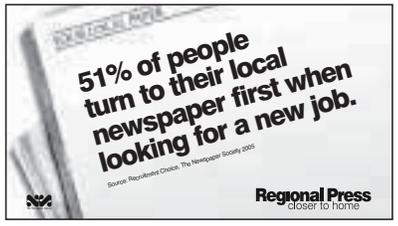
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BIRTHS

CONSTANTINO
Walter and Grace welcome the birth of their son Dominic, born on 7th July, 2011, weighing 8lb 11oz. A brother to Patrick.

DENBY-JONES
Lara, Ian and big sister Ava celebrate the birth of George John Denby-Jones on 16th July, 2011, weighing 8lb 2oz.

GOULD
Louis Frederick born on 13th July 2011,weighing 9lb 5oz. Son to Richard and Hayley Gould of Herne.

JOHNSON
Cody and Daniel are "over the moon" to announce the arrival of their beautiful son Tyler Rodney Graham Johnson, who was born on 6th July, 2011, at Maidstone Hospital. Proud grandparents are Graham, Tracy, Karen and Rodney.

KEEN
Geoff and Jess are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful baby daughter Charlotte Jessica Keen, who was born at 4.24 pm on 5th July, 2011, and weighed 7lb 6oz. Welcome to the world darling!

NGUYEN
Cameron Morgan born on 8th July, 2011, at 5.32am weighing 7lb 8oz. Son to Louise and Thanh in Broadstairs. Our most treasured and precious son.

NINNIM
Joshua Frank Ninnim born 27th June, 2011, weighing 5lb 15oz. Son to proud parents Richard and Tracy in Ramsgate

PERRIN
Sam and Richard are very proud to announce and welcome the birth of Damien John-Keith Perrin, who was born on 18th July, 2011. Damien is a little brother for Jay.

RENSHAW-HEARNE
Patrick and Tamara celebrate the birth of their son Joseph Gabriel on 14th June, 2011, weighing 7lb 10oz. Our most beautiful and precious son.

STEWART
Jon and Hannah are pleased to announce the arrival of their beautiful baby girl Evie born on 2nd July 2011

SUTTON
Jack Henry born on 6th July, 2011, weighing 6lb 2oz. Son to Karen and Paul in Maidstone.

WAKEFIELD
Anne and Stuart Wakefield of Ramsgate celebrate the birth of their daughter Edith Rose Wakefield on 4th July, 2011.

WEATHERED
Grayson Sherwood Weathered born on the 28th July, 2011, weighing 9lb 13oz. Beloved son to Daniel and Holly-Anna of Folkestone.

DEATHS

KINGSTON
Lawrence of Canterbury passed away peacefully on 16th July, 2011, aged 81 years. Funeral service at Barham Crematorium at 2.00pm on 5th August .To be forever remembered by his loving family.

LOWE
Daniel Lowe of Birchington sadly passed away on Wednesday 20th July aged 57 years, a loving husband and dad. Much loved and greatly missed. Funeral to take place on Monday 8th August at Thanet Crematorium 11.20am.

To advertise in this section

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THANET COLLEGE

RAISING ASPIRATIONS - DEVELOPING SKILLS - DELIVERING QUALITY

We are seeking outstanding individuals to join our highly qualified, experienced and motivated teams, many of whom have come from industry. We offer our students the best learning and training experience and we have the following vacancies available:

LECTURER IN BIOLOGY

LECTURER IN SPORT

18.5 hours per week, all year

Salary: £12,795 - £15,103

To raise aspirations, develop skills and deliver quality across a range of courses in the Programme Area.

Closing date: 10th August 2011

For further details and to apply online please visit our website www.thanet.ac.uk and click on 'Vacancies'. Alternatively contact the HR Office, Thanet College, Ramsgate Road, Broadstairs, Kent, CT10 1PN or telephone our application line for an application pack on (01843) 605052

Job reference: CRE001

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SKILLS PRACTITIONER - MOTOR VEHICLE

To provide Learning/Technical support to staff and students and undertake assessment and quality assurance duties as required by the College and awarding bodies

SALARY SCALE:
£8,567 - £10,123 FOR 18.5 HOURS PER WEEK, ALL YEAR

For further details and to apply online please visit our website www.thanet.ac.uk and click on 'About Us', then 'Vacancies'. If you require assistance please telephone our application line an (01843) 605052

Closing date for the above posts:
Wednesday 10th August 2011

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PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

15 hours per week, all year

Salary: £10,374 - £12,245

To provide expertise, guidance and support to the College on the planning, management and implementation of PR activities. To proactively promote Thanet College raising its profile locally, regionally and nationally. To be responsible for all communication with the media and to promote very high standards in a positive and supportive culture that aspires to be outstanding.

Closing date: 12th August 2011

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COMMUNITY GUIDANCE ADVISORS X 2

FIXED TERM UNTIL 31ST MARCH 2012

To operate a client-centred vocational guidance programme providing a comprehensive information, advice and guidance service on employment, training, education and self-employment opportunities, for potential and existing students

FULL TIME POST:
£15,000 WITH TARGET ACHIEVEMENT RISING TO £21,900 FOR 37 HOURS PER WEEK, ALL YEAR

PART TIME POST:
£7,500 WITH TARGET ACHIEVEMENT RISING TO £10,950 FOR 18.5 HOURS PER WEEK, ALL YEAR

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MidKent College based in the Medway Towns and Maidstone is seeking to appoint outstanding individuals in the following areas:

Chemistry Technician ***Ref: P0070***

18.5 hours per week
Salary: £17,050 - £21,339 pro rata (dependent on qualifications and experience)

We are looking to recruit a highly experienced individual to support the technical provision within the Science Department from GCSE level to HND in Applied Chemistry. The successful candidate will be supporting staff and students throughout the Department and will hold a qualification in Chemistry at degree level or equivalent.

Senior Administrator ***Ref: P0675***

Salary: £18,759 - £22,753 per annum
(dependent on qualifications and experience)

We are looking for an experienced administrator to play a key role in supporting the Head of Service in the monitoring of college policy, strategy and development of Student Support Department. The successful candidate will have a clear focus on the development of the Service level Agreements, monitoring, tracking of the WorkSkills qualification and development of the Management Information process with a responsibility for quality assurance. They will work closely with members of staff throughout the College, ensuring the quality and delivery of entitlement and related activities throughout the department and have a responsibility for supervising the apprentice and junior administrator, providing opportunities for them to develop within their roles and completion of the appraisal process.

Recruitment Placement Co-ordinator ***Ref: P0320***

Salary: £18,759 - £22,753 per annum (dependent on qualifications and experience)

The College is seeking an outstanding individual to oversee and co-ordinate the operation of the Job Shop services. You will establish and develop business links with external employers to provide suitable employment opportunities for our students. Ideally, the successful candidate will hold CPP/CRP qualifications or equivalent.

Human Resources Assistant ***Ref: P0578***

Salary: £15,891 - £19,464 per annum (dependent on qualifications and experience)

We are looking for a highly organised individual to contribute to the smooth running of the HR services based at the Royal School of Military Engineering. You will assist the HR Advisor and the Head of HR with administrative responsibilities and act as first point of contact for staff. You will ensure the day to day tasks are completed efficiently, working closely with Managers, assisting the payroll team and dealing with general HR queries for staff on all levels.

Closing date: 12 noon, Wednesday 3 August 2011.

For an informal discussion regarding any of these roles, please contact the HR Department on 01634 383511.

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CLEANER – TRAINING SOLUTIONS BUSINESS CENTRE X 2

Salary scale: £3,457.48 - £3,672.76
for 10 hours per week, all year

The College is looking to recruit two reliable and thorough cleaners for our new, professional business centre at Manston Business Park.

One post is for mornings, one for evenings.

Closing date: Wednesday 3rd August 2011

For further details and to apply online please visit our website www.thanet.ac.uk and click on 'Vacancies'. Alternatively contact the HR Office, Thanet College, Ramsgate Road, Broadstairs, Kent, CT10 1PN or telephone our application line for an application pack on (01843) 605052

Job reference: CTS001

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LECTURER IN EARLY YEARS

28 hours per week, all year

Salary: £19,365 - £22,858

To teach a range of subjects to a high quality on Early Years programmes across the range of levels

PROGRAMME LEADER IN EARLY YEARS

FIXED TERM UNTIL 30 JUNE 2012 TO COVER MATERNITY LEAVE

37 HOURS PER WEEK, ALL YEAR

SALARY: £29,413 - £34,817

To deliver high quality teaching and learning, lead the effective co-ordination and development of programmes and take a lead role in the planning and delivery of specified programmes within the Programme Area.

Closing date: 10 August 2011

For further details and to apply online please visit our website www.thanet.ac.uk and click on 'Vacancies'. Alternatively contact the HR Office, Thanet College, Ramsgate Road, Broadstairs, Kent, CT10 1PN or telephone our application line for an application pack on (01843) 605052

Job reference: EYC001

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Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

11/02039/HOUSE **Court Lodge Nevill Park, Broadwater**
Single storey orangery extension and pitched roof over existing garage (CA)

11/01989/HOUSE **Linnets The Hill, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
Two new dormer windows to front elevation and internal alterations (CA) (LB)

11/02132/LBC **Hartridge Manor Oast Paley Lane, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
Listed Building Consent: Change floor level between proposed hall and sitting room of barn by the introduction of a single step down (LB)

11/02065/HOUSE **36 Court Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Culverden**
Rear single storey garden room (CA)

11/02122/LBC **79 Mount Ephraim Royal Tunbridge Wells, Culverden**
Listed Building Consent: Replace kitchen floor and replace section of external drainage (LB)

11/02086/LBC **Frittenden C Of E Primary School The Street, Frittenden**
Variation of Condition 5 of Listed Building Consent TW/10/03329: Relating to brick bond (LB)

11/02068/FUL **Ash Oast School House Lane, Horsmonden**
Secondary access drive together with associated landscaping for Mr & Mrs J Webley (PROW) (LB)

11/02118/FUL **Castlemaine Maidstone Road, Horsmonden**
Extension of Time: Works to stable block to include dismantling, reconstruction and restoration to provide single dwelling. Double garage (TW/08/02223/FUL refers) (LB)

11/02092/HOUSE **10 Brewer Street Lamberhurst, Lamberhurst**
Installation of P.V. solar panels on roof to front elevation (CA)

11/02105/HOUSE **30 Warwick Park Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks**
Demolition of part of front boundary wall to create off street parking space and associated vehicular crossover. Remodelling and landscaping works to front garden, involving re-siting of steps, reduction of rear retaining walls and creation of new retaining walls and planting beds (CA)

11/02083/FUL **28 Lansdowne Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park**
Extension of existing parking arrangements (CA)

11/02050/FUL **Kent College For Girls Old Church Road, Pembury**
Resurfacing of existing car park (LB)

11/02082/FUL **Recreation Ground Lower Green Road, Pembury**
Single storey office and meeting facility with car parking for Mrs Barbara Russell (PROW)

11/02081/LBC **Flat 3 Bentham Hill House, Southborough North**
Listed Building Consent - Removal of internal timber partition wall. Building of two small masonry pillars at either end of removed wall to transfer the load onto the load bearing strata and rest steel beam across the two pillars (LB)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim KehoeHead of Planning ServicesTown Hall Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS

Dated: 30 July 2011

THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Town and Country Planning Act
Notice of Applications

MA/11/0322/N - NEWNHAM COURT SHOPPING VILLAGE, BEARSTED ROAD, WEAVERING, KENT - Erection of storage building with offices, parking and access as shown on drawing nos. DHA/7524/01, DHA/7524/02 and DHA/7524/03 received on 3rd March 2011. **Reason: 1, 9**
MA/11/1003/N - BREWERS HOUSE, ASHFORD ROAD, BEARSTED, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 4NN - Installation of a larger replacement window to first floor. **Reason: 1**
MA/11/1078/S - 13, TONBRIDGE ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME16 8HG - Planning application for the erection of a three storey medical centre and 10 dwellings together with associated landscaping and access. **Reason: 6**
MA/11/1090/S - 10, BUCKLAND ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME16 0SL - Change of use of land to a hand car wash. **Reason: 1**
MA/11/1093/S - 1-3, FORGE LANE, HEADCORN, ASHFORD, KENT, TN27 9QG - An application for listed building consent for internal works being the formation of a new opening between two rooms on the first floor. **Reason: 3**
MA/11/1096/N - 52, UNION STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1ED - Application for listed building consent for internal alterations to facilitate change of use of ground floor and cellar to mixed A1 (Art Gallery) and A3 (Cafe) use. **Reason: 3**
MA/11/1097/N - 52, UNION STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1ED - Change of use of ground floor and cellar to mixed A1 (Art Gallery) and A3 (Cafe) use. **Reason: 1, 2**

Reasons for advertisement key:
1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.
6 - Application is Major Development.
9 - Application does not accord with the Local Plan.

Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **14th August 2011**, quoting the application number.

Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. **Dated: 31st July 2011**

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13

KCC/SH/0330/2011 – Proposed development at Highview School, Moat Farm Road, Folkestone, Kent, CT19 5DJ.

Kent County Council Property Group is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for the provision of a new modular classroom. The proposed development affects a public right of way.

You may view this application at Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY.

KCC/TH/0257/2011 – Proposed development at King Ethelbert School, Canterbury Road, Birchington, Kent, CT7 9BL.

Ursuline College is applying to Kent County Council Planning Applications Group for planning permission for a new artificial sports pitch and 4 court Multi Use Games Area, with floodlighting, and grass cycle circuit and cycle challenges, on existing sports field adjacent to Ursuline College, for use by Ursuline College. The development site adjoins/affects a public right of way.

You may view this application at Thanet District Council, Council Offices, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent, CT9 1XZ.

Alternatively, details of all applications can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at www.kent.gov.uk/planning or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

We accept comments online via our website, by email to planning.applications@kent.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX within 21 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 1999

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 21 OF DETERMINATION OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION ACCOMPANIED BY AN ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT

I give notice that on 19 July 2011, Kent County Council granted planning permission for Site A - construction of materials recycling facility to replace existing inert materials processing facility on southern part of Site A, and Site B - transfer and construction of expanded inert materials processing facility including soil washing plant and construction of 2 no. buildings to house an anaerobic digester plant to receive and process green and food wastes with maturation building and staff facilities/office building, alteration to access road and fencing at Site A - Richborough Hall & Site B - Land north of Stevens & Carlotti, Ramsgate Road, Richborough, Sandwich, Kent, CT13 (Ref: DO/10/954).

You may view free of charge copies of the application, the environmental statement, the committee report and the planning permission at Dover District Council, Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover, Kent, CT16 3PJ or at the offices of the Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX.

Sharon Thompson
Head of Planning
Applications Group
Kent County Council
Dated: 31 July 2011

Planning applications

CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL

Notice under Article 8 of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995
Notice under Section 67 and/or Section 73 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990
Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

CA//11/01049/LB: Canterbury Heritage Museum, 20/21a Stour Street, Canterbury, CT1 2NR Internal alterations. **Applicant: Canterbury City Council** Reason: Work to a listed building.
CA//11/01052/FUL: First-Floor Flat, 8 Oakdale Road, Herne Bay, CT6 6AH Replacement windows to front of flat. **Applicant: Mr W Toogood** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//11/01053/FUL: Knaves Ash Cottage, Hoath Road, Hoath, CT3 4JR Single-storey extension to rear of dwelling. **Applicant: Mr Williams** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//11/01056/FUL: 29 Beverley Road, Canterbury, CT2 7EN First-floor extension to rear of dwelling. **Applicant: Mr Ness** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//11/01128/FUL: Freshfields, Westcourt Lane, Woolage Green, Womenswold, CT4 6SE Demolition of garage/workshop and erection of a detached bungalow. **Applicant: Mr Richard Anderson** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//11/01142/LB: 60-61 Ivy Lane, Canterbury, CT1 1TU Alterations and restoration of front and rear elevations and internal alterations. **Applicant: Mr Domingo** Reason: Work to a listed building.
CA//11/01148/FUL: Rose Cottage, 4 Hollow Street, Chislet, CT3 4DS First-floor extension to side of dwelling. **Applicant: Mrs Kyte** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//11/01159/FUL: 12 Victoria Park, Herne Bay, CT6 5BJ Replacement upvc windows, doors and fascia boards. **Applicant: Mr Butler** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//11/01172/FUL: 18 Pound Lane, Canterbury First-floor extension, external alterations and erection of railings. **Applicant: R Amitrano** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//11/01174/LB: Rose Cottage, 4 Hollow Street, Chislet, CT3 4DS First-floor extension to side of dwelling. **Applicant: Mrs Kyte** Reason: Work to a listed building.
CA//11/01186/FUL: Jonette, Patrixbourne Road, Bridge, CT4 5BL Replacement front wall and erection of shed in rear garden. **Applicant: Mr M Wilmshurst** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//11/01216/FUL: Peggotty Cottage, Chapel Lane, Chislet, CT3 4EP Two-storey side and rear extension, conservatory to rear and replacement of existing garage with carport with home office above. **Applicant: Mr K Lorentzen** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//11/01221/FUL: Pilgrims Mede, Summer Hill, Harbledown, CT2 8NJ Erection of a pair of semi-detached dwellings. **Applicant: William King Homes Ltd** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//11/01222/FUL: 29-31 Park Road, Herne Bay, CT6 5ST Conversion of existing building to five flats with two-storey rear extension and dormer windows to front and rear. **Applicant: Mr Justin Simmonds** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//11/01232/LB: 24 Orchard Street, Canterbury, CT2 8AP Internal alterations. **Applicant: Mrs Jeary** Reason: Work to a listed building.
CA//11/01233/FUL: 34 Whitstable Road, Blean, CT2 9EB Conservatory to front of dwelling. **Applicant: Dr Staehler** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//11/01244/FUL: 53 Palace Street, Canterbury, CT1 2DY Single-storey rear extension and re-positioning of existing air conditioning unit. **Applicant: Mr Thyssen** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//11/01245/LB: 53 Palace Street, Canterbury, CT1 2DY Single-storey rear extension and re-positioning of existing air conditioning unit. **Applicant: Mr Thyssen** Reason: Work to a listed building.
CA//11/01252/FUL: Stonerocks Farm, Hawe Lane, Sturry, CT2 0LP Erection of building for swimming pool enclosure (Revised scheme). **Applicant: Mr Mark Vinter** Reason: Affects the setting of a listed building.
CA//11/01254/FUL: Land west of The Limes, London Road, Harbledown, CT2 9AU Change of use of land to use as residential caravan site for two gypsy families, each with two caravans and an amenity block including the laying of hardstanding. **Applicant: Mr T Lee** Reason: Conservation area.

Any representations should be sent in writing to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW or e-mailed to **development.control@canterbury.gov.uk** to arrive on or before **Monday 22 August 2011**.

The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at: **www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc**

Ian Brown, Head of Planning and Regeneration
Friday 29 July 2011







HIGHWAYS - District of Canterbury

WESTWOOD ROAD, KINGSTON
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of duct installation works in the carriageway, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Westwood Road, Kingston, on or after 1 August 2011 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of Westwood Cottage.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Pett Bottom Road and Turk's Hill.

The alternative route is via Pett Bottom Road, Woodgate and Pheasants Hall Road.

HIGHWAYS - District of Dover

BRANCH STREET, DOVER
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of the use of a mobile crane to complete works on the former Nat West Bank building, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Branch Street, Dover, on or after 1 August 2011 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Bridge Street and Peter Street.

There is no alternative route. The One-way Traffic Order in respect of Peter Street will be suspended to allow limited access.

EAST CLIFF, DOVER
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of duct installation works in the carriageway, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on East Cliff, Dover, on or after 5 August 2011 for up to 4 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between numbers 48 & 54.

There is no alternative route.

There will be a suspension of the One-way Traffic Order in respect of East Cliff to allow access up to the point of closure.

HAROLD PASSAGE, DOVER
(RESTRICTIONS ON PEDESTRIANS)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of footway surfacing works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting pedestrians on Harold Passage, Dover, on or after 15 August 2011 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

This applies to the section from Maison Dieu Road to the steps at Harold Street.

The alternative route is via Maison Dieu Road, Taswell Street and Harold Street.

RICHBOROUGH ROAD LEVEL CROSSING, RICHBOROUGH
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of maintenance and replacement works on the level crossing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic at Richborough Road Level Crossing, Richborough.

It is planned that the road will be closed from 0.30 am on Sunday 7 August 2011 until 4.00 am on 8 August 2011.

The alternative route is via A256 Sandwich By-pass, A257 Sandwich Road, Cooper Street Drove and Richborough Road.

THE RISE, KINGSDOWN
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on The Rise, Kingsdown, on or after 15 August 2011 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Chalk Hill Road and Upper Street.

The alternative route is via Chalk Hill Road and Upper Street.

OLD PARK ROAD, DOVER
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Old Park Road, Dover, on or after 20 August 2011 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed for its entire length.

The alternative routes are

Northbound via Crabble Hill, Whitfield Avenue and Brookfield Avenue

Southbound via Brookfield Avenue, Pioneer Road and Crabble Hill

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VARIOUS ROADS, DOVER
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Various Roads, Dover, on or after 17 August 2011, as shown below.

ST DAVID'S AVENUE, AYCLIFFE - between 2 St George's Crescent and the junction with St Giles Road

From 17 August 2011 for up to 2 days

The alternative route is via St George's Crescent and St David's Avenue

SOUTH MILITARY ROAD, DOVER - northbound only - from the A20 Western Heights Roundabout to the junction with Old Folkestone Road

From 17 August 2011 for 1 day

The alternative route is via A20 Archcliffe Road, Limekiln Street, Snargate Street, York Street, Durham Hill, North Military Road, Centre Road and South Military Road

BUNKERS HILL, DOVER - between the junctions with Bunkers Hill Road and Oswald Road

From 22 August for up to 3 days

The alternative route is via Hillside Road, Crabble Ave, Crabble Road and Crabble Hill

HIGHWAYS - In the Districts of Dover & Thanet

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(VARIOUS ROADS, THANET) (SPEED LIMITS)
ORDER 2011

(VARIOUS ROADS, THANET)
(24 HOUR CLEARWAY ORDER) 2011
(TOUCAN CROSSING)

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers proposes to make an Order under Sections 1(1), 2(1) and 2(2), Sections 81 to 84 of and part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended, the effect of which will introduce "No Stopping – At Any Time" and speed limits to be enforced on lengths of the newly constructed sections of the A299 and A256 (known as the East Kent Access Road Phase 2) within Thanet and Dover, and;

under Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and all other enabling powers, intends to install Toucan Crossings which are located on the A256 Ramsgate Road, approximately 60 metres south west of the midpoint of its junction with "Ebbsfleet roundabout" to maintain access for pedestrians and cyclists along the shared routes.

Phase 1 of East Kent Access was constructed and opened several years ago. Phase 2 includes the construction of the A299 Hengist Way, from "Minster roundabout" eastwards, to "Cliffsend roundabout" southwards, to "Sevenscore roundabout" and eastwards to "Lord of the Manor junction"; and the A256 Richborough Way is from "Sevenscore roundabout" southwards, to "Richborough roundabout".

Jacobs Engineering UK Ltd has been commissioned to work in partnership with the Kent County Council to progress the legal procedures necessary to implement the proposed measures.

A copy of the scheme proposal, an explanatory statement and a plan showing the extents of the scheme can be inspected during normal office hours at the Kent County Council Offices Sessions House, County Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ, Dover District Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park Whitfield, Dover CT16 3PJ, Thanet District Council Offices, PO Box 9, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent, CT9 1XZ, and affected Parish and Town Councils which are: Acol PC, Birchington PC, Cliffsend PC, Chestfield PC, Herne & Broomfield PC, Manston PC, Minster-in-sea PC, Monkton PC, Ramsgate TC, Sandwich TC and St Nicholas at Wade PC.

Anyone wishing to support these proposals, or object to them, should write to Diane Bourne, Jacobs Engineering UK Ltd, Miller House, Lower Stone Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6GB, quoting the name of the Order and reference No ""B1425100" and stating their reasons, by not later than Monday 22nd August 2011.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Gravesham

MILTON HALL ROAD, GRAVESEND
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Milton Hall Road, Gravesend between Pine Avenue and number 25 Milton Hall Road.

The Order will become effective on 1st August 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 2 weeks. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Pine Avenue, Old Road East and Milton Avenue.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate drainage improvement works.

PARK AVENUE, NORTHFLEET
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Park Avenue, Northfleet outside the Dover Road Community Primary School.

The Order will become effective on 1st August 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence 2nd August 2011 and last 1 day. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Park Avenue, Vale Road, Perry Street and Victoria Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate delivery of a modular double classroom to Dover Road Community Primary School.

PRIESTWOOD ROAD, MEOPHAM
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Priestwood Road, Meopham outside property 'Famescott'.

The Order will become effective on 1st August 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence 10th August and last 4 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Horns Oak Road and David Street.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate UK Power Network works.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Maidstone

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

CARING LANE, THURNHAM
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Caring Lane outside number 23 on or after Monday 15th August 2011 for a period of up to 4 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via Caring Road, Otham Lane, A20 Ashford Road.

Stevens Construction Ltd apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary to install a new manhole to connect to the sewer. Should you require any further information regarding these works, the contact is Barry Stevens on 01892 730634.

HIGHWAYS - District of Sevenoaks

CASTLE HILL, HARTLEY
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Castle Hill, Hartley between Steep Hill and Ash Road.

The Order will become effective on 1st August 2011. It will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months. The restriction will be effective when required and when the appropriate signage is in place. The works are planned to last for 5 days.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Ash Road, Hartley Road, Main Road, Fawkham Road and Castle Hill.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate kerbing to prevent flooding.

NORTH ASH ROAD (REDHILL ROAD), ASH CUM RIDLEY
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on North Ash Road (Redhill Road), Ash Cum Ridley.

The Order will become effective on 15th August 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 3 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Hartley Bottom Road, Pease Hill, The Street and Ash Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate carriageway patching.

HIGHWAYS - District of Shepway

CHURCH APPROACH & CHURCH LANE, NEW ROMNEY
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of water mains renewal works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Church Approach & Church Lane, New Romney, on or after 1 August 2011 for up to 5 weeks, as shown below.

The roads will be closed in rolling sections from High Street to the junction with Wiles Avenue.

For further information, please contact Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

Kent County Council

HIGHWAYS

CHURCH APPROACH will be closed from 1 August 2011 for 1 week

The alternative route is west on High Street, and Church Road

CHURCH LANE will be closed in phases from the junction with Church Road to the junction with Wiles Avenue

From 8 August for approximately 4 weeks.

The alternative route is via Church Road, The Churchlands, Marsh Crescent and Wiles Avenue.

The dates of the phases are approximate guidelines, and may vary subject to weather and ground conditions.

SCHOOL ROAD, ACRISE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of water mains renewal works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on School Road, Acrise, on or after 16 August 2011 for up to 7 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Coach Road and Pay Street.

The alternative route is via Coach Road and Pay Street.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Swale

SELLING ROAD, SELLING
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Selling Road, Selling, on or after 15 August 2011 for up to 9 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Selling Road and Stonestile Lane / Rhode Common Road.

There will be no access for through traffic between the A28 and Selling.

The alternative route is via Selling Road, Selling Street, Winding Hill, Newhouse Lane, A251 Ashford Road, A252 Canterbury Road, New Cut Road and Selling Road.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

CHURCH ROAD, OFFHAM
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Church Road, Offham on or after Tuesday 16th August 2011 when required for a period of up to 4 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route is via A20 London Road, Seven Mile Lane, Teston Road.

UK Power Networks and BT Openreach apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary to provide a new service and renew a telegraph pole. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact for UKPN is Scott Davis on 01732 783986 and for BT is Sam Ransley on 01795 420084.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

DEAKIN LEAS, TONBRIDGE
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Deakin Leas between Baltic Road and Pembury Road on or after Monday 15th August 2011 when required for a period of up to 2 weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route is via Baltic Road, The Drive, Pembury Road.

Particon CE Ltd apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary for traffic calming. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Ivan Bannister on 01233 612240.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

GLASSENBURY ROAD, TUNBRIDGE WELLS
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Glassenbury Road from outside Bull Farm Oast for 64m north on or after Monday 15th August 2011 for a period of up to 2 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via Turnden Lane and A229 Hartley Road.

South East Water apologise for any inconvenience caused, which is necessary for reinstatement of the road surface, deep planing and machine laying of the road. Should you require any further information for these works, please contact Roshith Ahamed on 01634 276375.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

THE HEATH, EAST MALLING
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on The Heath outside number 60 on or after Monday 15th August 2011 for a period of up to 5 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via Pikey Lane, Broadwater Road, Clare Lane, Mill Street, High Street, Chapel Street, Wateringbury Road.

UK Power Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary for a new electrical supply. Should you require any further information for these works, please contact Scott Davis on 01732 783986.

Katherine Kerswell
Group Managing Director
Invicta House
County Hall,
Maidstone
Kent ME14 1XQ **Dated 30th July 2011**

For further information, please contact
Kent Highway Services,
on 08458 247 800 (local rate)
or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

Kent County Council

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY AND VILLAGE GREENS

PROW - Village Greens - Borough of Ashford

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMONS ACT 2006 - SECTION 19(2)

NOTICE OF PROPOSAL FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE REGISTER OF VILLAGE GREEN

The Commons Registration Authority, Kent County Council, is currently considering a proposal under section 19(2)(a) of the Commons Act 2006 and in accordance with the Commons Registration (England) Regulations 2008. The reason for the proposal is to correct an error made by the Commons Registration Authority in making an entry in the Register of Village Greens for unit number VG235 in the parish of Wittersham.

The documents relating to the proposal (including a plan) may be inspected at the offices of Kent County Council at the address below. Please contact the Commons Registration Team on 01622 221511 to make an appointment prior to visiting to ensure that a member of the team is available to assist you.

Any person wishing to make representations regarding the application should send a written statement of the facts upon which the representation is based to the Commons Registration Team at Kent County Council, either by post at the address below or by email to commons.villagegreens@kent.gov.uk, so as to arrive no later than Monday 12th September 2011. Please quote reference VG235.

Representations must include the name and postal address of the person making them and the nature of their interest (if any) in the land affected by the application. They must also be signed by the person making them and state the grounds on which they are made.

Please note that any representations that are to be taken into account by the Registration Authority in reaching a decision on the application cannot be treated as confidential and may come into the public domain during the processing of the application. Copies of any objections or representations received will be forwarded to the applicant for comment and may be disclosed to other interested parties, including the Planning Inspectorate where the case is referred to it for determination.

Description of the proposal

The effect of the proposal proposal is:

to delete from the Register an area of approximately 1.5 acres (0.61 hectares) of registered Village Green from unit number VG235 at Wittersham, situated adjacent to property number 12 Woodland View and to the north and west of the pond; and

to add to the Register an area of approximately 1.4 acres abutting Jubilee Field and situated to the south of the pond.

PROW - District of Dover

NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH ER64

IN THE PARISH OF WHITFIELD

(PUBLIC FOOTPATH ER64)

(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 Section 14(1), As Amended By The Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991

Kent County Council intends to temporarily close Public Footpath ER64 between Sandwich Road and The Drove from the 15th August 2011.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months.

The path will be closed because of planned works on the footpath and the likelihood of danger to users.

There is no alternative route.

For detailed enquiries please contact:
Denise Roffey

PROW - Districts of Dover and Shepway

NOTICE OF THE INTENTION OF AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC BYWAY HE30 / ER146

IN THE PARISHES OF DENTON WITH WOOTTON AND ELHAM

(PUBLIC BYWAY HE30 / ER146)

(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council intends to temporarily close Public Byway HE30 / ER146 from Reece Lane to Snode Hill from 15th August 2011.

Pedestrian access will be available from Snode Hill to Public Footpath ER130 at Gatteridge Farm

The route will be closed for 6 months or until the said works are complete.

The route will be closed for the construction of a new water pumping station and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

There is no alternative route.

For detailed enquiries please contact:
Edward Denne

For detailed enquiries please contact:
Countryside Access Service
Kent County Council
Invicta House
County Hall
Maidstone
Kent ME14 1XX **Dated: 31st July, 2011**

The above notice(s) may be provided in other formats

For further information, please contact
Kent Countryside Access Service,
on 0845 345 0210 (Mon-Fri 8am-8pm)
or visit www.kent.gov.uk/countrysideaccess

Kent County Council

MARRIAGE LICENCES

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND
CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

APPROVED PREMISES FOR
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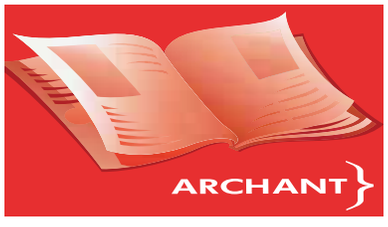
An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **Goodnestone Park Gardens, Canterbury**

Applicant: **Mr Francis Plumptre**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

Giles Adey
Head of Registration
Regulatory Services
First Floor, Invicta House,
Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX



PREMISES/ GOODS LICENCES

Notice is hereby given that Wendy Ballanger of 1-2 Parrock Street, Gravesend DA12 1EW **has applied to Gravesham Borough Council for the VARIATION** EXTENSION OF OPENING HOURS THURS / FRI/ SAT: Noon - 04:00am. Extension of hours for Live Music, Recorded Music Late night refreshments & sale of alcohol. **For the premises** Whispers **Situated at** 1-2 Parrock Street, Gravesend DA12 1EW

A register of licensing applications can be inspected at http://www.gravesham.gov.uk/licensing or at Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1U tel: 01474 337334 by appointment with the Licensing Team between 10am and 4pm Monday to Friday.

Any person wishing to submit representations to my/our application must give notice in writing to the address shown above, giving in detail the grounds of objection by 10/08/2011 The Council will not entertain representations where the writer requests that his identity remains anonymous. Copies of all representations will be included in the papers presented to the Licensing Panel and will therefore pass into the public domain. Representations must relate to one of the four Licensing Objectives: the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm. In the case of an application for a provisional statement, please note that representations will be restricted once a statement has been issued.

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ATTRACTIVE N/S 52yr old female, likes walks, countryside, pubs, companionship for meals out, holidays and sunshine, any buttons pressed in East Kent area, please call. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372917**

47YR old female, slim, seeks tall male for relationship. West Sussex. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372783**

LISA N/S, easygoing, friendly, bubbly, petite, likes swimming, football, walking, holidays, pubs, seeks male to share interests with. Eltham. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372595**

PATRICIA 62, blonde, green eyes, 5ft 3ins, slim, seeks male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372485**

CHARLOTTE 30, sweet French female, long legs, sporty, fit and healthy, seeking well built, fit guy to share interests and show me new ones. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372687**

BEAUTIFUL nurse slim size 10, brunette, just looking for a bit of fun and good times with understanding nice younger man. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372685**

MONICA 35 attractive black female seeking genuine white male up to 65yrs who can appreciate good times with a lovely lady. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372683**

FIT female 39, enjoys good conversation, laughs and walking bare foot in the grass, WLTM similar male for tactile friendship/more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372663**

KATHY attractive single mum 25, slim, dark hair/eyes, fed up with being alone, looking older male for mutual TLC. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372661**

EM attractive lady, mild mannered, nice nature, looking for happy times and loving future with appreciative man. Call me. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372659**

LYNNE slim, scatty blonde, mid 50's, looking for some fun and company. Margate. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386428**

SOCIABLE cuddly 70's lady, GSOH, N/S, likes cinema, days out, coast, seeks genuine male for friendship. Ashford. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369297**

I'M Gorgeous, lively seeking a similar professional who thinks he can handle me, good times guaranteed. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369223**

STUNNING blonde nurse, 32, funny and romantic, WLTM uncomplicated, reliable male, 50-65yrs for companionship and more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369221**

JACQUELINE 48, medium build, likes nights in/out, seeks male, 40-58 for friendship, maybe more. Maidstone. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370747**

ACTIVE slim female 30yrs, easygoing, honest with GSOH and a passion for life looking for genuine man to fall for, 28-50yrs. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370097**

CAROLINE size 16, seeks kind, honest, loving gent, 45 plus for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371099**

LONELY Folkestone lady, 57, 5ft 1ins, medium build, N/S, seeks caring, considerate male for walks by the sea and pubs. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371067**

AFRICAN female, likes cooking, travel seeks male for fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386712**

DONNA 47, bubbly, caring, loving, seeks genuine, loving guy. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370863**

VERY good looking Turkish female looking to meet male 29-45 for fun friendship. Looks/race/status unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370183**

ACTIVE solvent female with GSOH looking to start life again but this time be a lot more adventurous, care to join me? **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370181**

CONFIDENT fun female bored of spending time alone, looking for fun man to share lots of laughs and good times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370177**

FOLKESTONE lady, 57, 5ft 1 ins, hazel eyes, medium build, likes walks, good food, seeks caring, affectionate male, large build to share life with. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371399**

BRIGHT bubbly chatty brunette with lots to offer to the right person looking for new love who will appreciate a real woman. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371579**

NAUGHTY but nice female, tall, blonde, blue eyes, seeks elderly male, 75-85 for friendship and good fun. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372311**

BUBBLY reliable woman, lots to give, 5ft 6ins, seeks tall professional male with lots of TLC for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372003**

30'S female, easy-going, laidback, animal friendly, looking for that special person to share things with, any age/looks. Hope you call. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372233**

DEBS petite brunette, 38yrs, well travelled, loves food and good wine, WLTM affectionate male for nice times. Status unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372219**

YOUNG looking petite female prepared to try anything once, looking for similar open-minded tactile guy for fun loving times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372217**

TALL slim auburn haired sincere female, 37, looking for genuine fun relationship with open-minded male, 40-65yrs. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372055**

34YR old single mum of 2, size 16, caring, cuddly, seeks genuine, loving male with GSOH. Ashford. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386268**

FED up with lonely nights in! 33yr old brunette with green eyes WLTM someone 35-50yrs for TLC maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368913**

BEAUTIFUL blue eyed blonde, 26, slim, looking for evenings out with male. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368911**

22YR old leggy blonde, seeking likeminded man for lots of fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368909**

LADY 56, semi disabled, size 18, seeking a caring, loving, honest gent, 50 plus. Kent. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365453**

48YR old female, 5ft 3ins, medium build, likes animals, nights in/out, holidays, coast, seeks male, 48-50, preferably a smoker for LTR. Maidstone. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365955**

ATTRACTIVE petite oriental female with no ties WLTM nice respectable man for a loving relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371577**

CONFIDENT and cultured lady, young 39, very attractive, slim and fit seeks mature male, 45-65yrs for wining, dining and more. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371575**

36YR old professional, blue eyes, blonde, smiley, OHAC WLTM special guy for nights in with lots of cuddles and love. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371549**

LYNNE slim, scatty blonde, mid 50's, looking for some fun and company. Margate. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386428**

CARING female, 64, blonde hair, blue eyes, 5ft 4ins, medium build, seeks male, 60-70 for friendship, maybe more. Kent. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369593**

SUSIE 5ft 7ins, blonde, seeks educated attractive male for loving relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385476**

34YR old blonde new to the area, seeking younger guy for fun times maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365079**

FUN loving curvy red head 32yrs, loves good food/wine, WLTM male who appreciates a real woman and knows what he likes. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365077**

ACADEMIC man sought by female, recent graduate, into art, history, psychology, likes usual activities as well as London art galleries and walks. Brimley. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365501**

ATTRACTIVE confident, lady, 37, independent, HIV Positive, seeks male for companionship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363415**

FUN female 35yrs looking to let her hair down seeks easygoing N/S guy for a relationship, 30-65. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368001**

SINGLE confident black female 32yrs, very attractive, loves doing fun and interesting things, seeking a real man. Any race/age. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367999**

ATTRACTIVE and any man's dream seeks, outgoing, professional male for evenings in and fun nights out. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366703**

CUTE very curvy young girl, 18, WLTM romantic guy for lots of fun and loving. Looks/status unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366699**

MAIDSTONE lady, pretty, petite, late 50's, honest, caring, N/S, loves life and most things, seeks nice guy for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366501**

BARBARA 46, seeks nice, stocky male up to 50 for friendship, maybe more. Heathrow. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361701**

ELIZABETH caring, honest, reliable, likes most things, seeks older gent, late 70's for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 359589**

SLIM attractive, elegant female, likes travel, restaurants, cinema, seeks caring, male, 45-55 for friendship, possible relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361571**

PAT 70's, 5ft, cuddly, seeks male for friendship and days out. Ashford. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369521**

WANTED. Nice sincere man, 45-55 looking for LTR with kind, sincere female, dark hair, 5ft 6ins, likes wining/dining, pubs. Welling. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369417**

BEAUTIFUL stunning young female, 21, seeks older, retired gent 70 plus to take care of her. London. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368187**

ATTRACTIVE slim blonde who enjoys the simple life seeks understanding older male for fun casual relationship/friendship initially, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371547**

SICK of always taking life so seriously, looking for uncomplicated fun times with happy outgoing male. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371545**

LISTEN up! Attractive female, WLTM male into music, films, sport and theatre. London. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367971**

CONFIDENT blue eyed brunette, intelligent, cultured and attractive, very solvent, looking for happy older male who will let me look after him. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368401**

30YR old beautiful blonde with lovely green eyes looking for uncomplicated love and romance with a tall dark haired male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368003**

ATTRACTIVE slim 52yr old female, seeks N/S companion, 52-60 to share countryside, walking, swimming, days out, holidays etc. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369179**

JACKIE petite attractive, brown hair/eyes, many interests, OHAC, looking for sincere male who also likes good food and wine. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370123**

COUNTRY loving lass seeks country fella for pleasant weekends down on the farm. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370121**

WELL grounded 25yr old attractive female, seeks similar male up to 40yrs for mutual friendship and meets. **Tel No: 0906 5157 7112 Box No: 370117**

JACKIE 48, 5ft 3ins, medium build, likes animals, nights in/out, walks, seeks male, 48-58 for friendship, maybe more, preferably a smoker. Maidstone. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368039**

BEAUTIFUL size 10 figured female, brown hair, big brown eyes 41yrs looking for relaxed relationship with man, 20-38yrs. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370091**

ATTRACTIVE slim professional 35yrs seeking similar lonely professional for drinks/meals out and mutual friendship out of hours. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370089**

WARM well educated 60's female, seeks similar gent to enjoy the simple things of life. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360477**

ELIZABETH loving, kind, caring, seeks older gent, 78 plus for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366603**

VERY cute, slim, black professional female, 36, looking for love! If you are honest, passionate, caring and spontaneous, ring me. Any race. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366725**

GREEN eyed blonde in need of love and attention seeks youthful, trendy experienced guy to enjoy good times. Any age/status. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366723**

ATTRACTIVE young hearted female, fed up with being alone, so if you feel the same, give me a call, lets get together. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366721**

TALL blue eyed 30's female, brown hair, lots of interests, seeks male for good times. Any age/looks/status. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366705**

ATTRACTIVE lady, seeks kind, solvent male for romance and possibly love. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360159**

LOOKING for my soul mate, 57, lonely, caring, affectionate, likes a drink in good company, 5ft 1ins, hazel eyes, seeks someone to share life with. Is that you? **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385172**

LADY 50, single, enjoys nights in/out, cinema, travel, country walks, seeks sincere, genuine male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367851**

ATTRACTIVE mature, outgoing Caribbean female, seeks interesting companion for socialising, good conversation and glass of wine. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367799**

YOUNG 60 something female looking for friendship only with likeminded ladies for meals out, nights out and holidays. Feltham. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367625**

PETITE brunette, blue eyes witty and fun, looking for similar kind, laid back male to sweep her off her feet. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368407**

YOUNG very fit brunette 23yrs, likes to look good, seeks similar sporty guy for some relaxed fun. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368405**

PETITE female, slim, attractive, blonde hair, green eyes, GSOH, romantic, likes sports, nights out, meals, seeks honest, genuine, N/S male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334613**

FEMALE 27, seeks older gent, 65 plus to take care of me. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 362207**

PATRICIA outgoing, confident, feminine, warm, friendly, smart, good company, attractive, seeks similar male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 347215**

FEMININE lady who knows how to treat her man seeks strong minded male to care for, any area London/Surrey/Kent **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356985**

FIT lady, 65, thinks she's 40, N/S, loves life, seeks genuine gent, 60-70 N/S for happy loving, exciting times. Gravesend. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353111**

SINGLE mum, 39, likes most things, seeks male with GSOH for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349999**

OLD fashioned girl, 49, fun, friendly, seeks mature male for fun, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382192**

GENUINE loving female, 40, seeks loving male, 40-50 for friendship and LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 345487**

LADY seeks N/S, clean shaven male to appreciate artistic, romantic, feisty, attractive, slimmish, curvy lady of 69 who has not yet joined the wrinklies. Ashford. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349757**

ISABELLE lovely lady, genuine, honest, loving, caring, 68, N/S, non drinker, slightly disabled, WLTM male for love, companionship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 347305**

26YR old social pretty blonde with baby blue eyes, seeks outgoing, fun, spontaneous male for friendship/more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369219**

AFFECTIONATE female seeks warm hearted kind guy, if he exists, for good conversation, fun times and laughs. 40-67yrs **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369197**

SHY brunette 22, perfect size 10, blue eyes, 5ft 2ins, own car, seeks male to cosy up with. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369193**

BETH young minded widow, 65, 5ft 5ins, happy, size 14, N/S, many interests, seeks sincere, honest gent for friendship who might admit to some aching bones. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 344291**

CARING young 62 petite blonde, seeks someone to share doing things with, theatre, dancing and perhaps nights in. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 359761**

SINGLE 50 plus female, seeks male who likes talks, walks, dining and dancing. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364975**

FEMALE 25, professional, likes nights out, socialising, seeks male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360961**

A rare diamond, bright, sparkly and good quality, let me put the sparkle back into your life. Wanted professional, attractive male, 38-58, medium build, 5ft 9ins. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361005**

LADY slim, brunette, N/S, likes music, National Trust, theatre, days out, seeks sincere, honest gent, 48-60 for friendship, maybe more. Kent/Sussex. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360633**

GORGEOUS lonely lass, 45, looking for some romantic liaisons with younger male, looks important, no chancers. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364415**

MARY 60, good for age, GSOH, likes cooking, meals out, looking for some fun company, possible romance. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364357**

57YR old lady, works, divorced, likes beach, meals out, theatre, travel, weekends away, seeks white male, 56-61 with GSOH for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 359685**

YOUNG 54yr old female, slim, 5ft 3ins, seeks tall, honest, caring guy for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 362669**

SALLY petite, confident lady, happy go lucky, likes dancing, walks, TV, seeks male/soul mate for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 362665**

30YR old brunette fit, feminine, attractive, free, single and looking for love with similar fun loving guy. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365075**

36YR old female looking for mutual companionship with understanding man stuck in a similar rut. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364331**

NATALIA attractive, brunette, brown eyes, 40's, N/S, slim, fit, friendly, seeks sincere, N/S, solvent male for love and relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 344393**

28YR old brunette, seeks fun loving, adventurous male for relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 380918**

LISA 42, medium build, likes cooking, walks, music, days in/out, WLTM caring, down to earth male, 40-50. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 332817**

OUTGOING sincere 5ft 6ins lady WLTM tall, caring interesting male 70's to share lifes adventure. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 357959**

MALE Guardian reader? Arty, vivacious female, 61, happy in own skin, seeks N/S sociable, warm, loving man. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360655**

SUZANNE 35, beautiful blonde, seeks male for chats and a relaxing glass of wine anytime. ACA, status unimportant. City area. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 342527**

PROFESSIONAL black lady, 44, 5ft 3ins, medium build, seeks genuine, caring, professional guy, 40-54, any race for relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 359586**

CARING genuine single mum seeks male for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 358719**

CLARE 31, likes swimming, gym, socialising, meals out, sightseeing, seeks male. Ramsgate. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353243**

ATTRACTIVE slim single mum, 44, seeks similar tall male, 40-50, caring, loving and loyal, are you? **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334393**

LORNA 66, nurse, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364237**

42YR old female, likes music, dancing, writing, astrology, cats, seeks male with GSOH and similar age. Medway. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351577**

48YR old female, average build, good looking, likes most things, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363321**

FUN outgoing lady, seeks spontaneous male, 37-60, adventurous, professional, attractive. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363331**

PRETTY woman, slim, black, widow, 39, energetic, seeks white, solvent male for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360695**

52YR old female, likes walks, animals, theatre, cinema, seeks male for companionship/LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 357291**

LATE 20's female seeking older male. Call to hear exactly what I'm like and looking for. I can meet anywhere in London at any time **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356995**

64YR old female, 5ft 2ins, GSOH, likes golf, seeks male with GSOH for friendship, days out, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 339581**

SALLY independent, intelligent, confident, caring female, seeking a similar soul mate. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361575**

INDEPENDENT 52yr old slim, N/S female, likes country walks, swimming, animals, meals/days out, seeks N/S similar aged male for friendship/companionship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366099**

FIT young active 65yr old male, medium build, dog owner, likes countryside, seeks similar active lady. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369011**

37YR old male, 6ft 7ins, blue eyes, dark hair, GSOH, seeks female. Thanet. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368969**

RON retired, active, feels 40, seeks white lady for friendship, maybe more. Medway area. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368945**

PROFESSIONAL male, 62, generous, fun loving, seeks non assertive lady for special relationship. Farnham. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367191**

DAVID 58, its Spring and I am looking for an easygoing lady for a LTR. East Surrey. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367157**

PAUL 56, decorator, 5ft 8ins, cropped hair, attractive, genuine, kind, likes theatre, pubs, seeks female, 50-60. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366935**

ADVENTUROUS attractive young man, 30's, great personality, seeks mature female to share happy loving moments, laughter and amazing spiritual summer. London. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367973**

LEWIS 40, seeks nice lady for friendship, maybe more. Kent. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367713**

DAVE own hair/teeth, own car/business, likes holidays, golf, gym, meals out, theatre, seeks honest, genuine, slim female with GSOH for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367559**

SLIM easygoing, friendly male, 50, likes kisses and cuddles, seeks petite female, any age for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385904**

DARREN 39, 6ft 3ins, medium build, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. Kent. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368807**

TALL attractive, mature male, seeks slim, petite, seductive lady for good times. London. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367899**

BLACK male, 48, bubbly, seeks voluptuous, white female, 18-45 for friendship, maybe more. London. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366681**

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FRED young 72, seeking female, 60 plus for friendship/companionship, maybe more. Kent. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372933**

THANET male 53, 6ft, seeks slim-medium build female, 45 plus to take away the lonely times and share TLC together. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372849**

RICHARD 46, dark hair, blue eyes, 5ft 6ins, loving, easygoing, likes holidays, music, theatre, countryside, walks, bowling, seeks female up to 60 for friendship, maybe more. Ashford. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387058**

JACK 33, likes nights in/out, country drives, seeks female for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372645**

JOHN retired widower, seeks female for friendship. Redhill. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372581**

FUN loving professional male, 42, OHAC, independent, seeks warm, sincere, fun loving female for relationship. Animals/children welcome. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387032**

DAVID 49, blue eyes, seeking fun loving lady for kisses and cuddles, lets have fun together. SE Kent. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372433**

ALAN seeks young lady to love me for who I am in a LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372033**

PAUL 48, 5ft 8ins, GSOH, likes music, cinema, seeks female for fun, friendship and LTR. Tunbridge Wells. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371985**

LATE 60's male, honest, kind, 5ft 9ins, many interests, seeks loving lady for LTR. Ramsgate. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371919**

GOOD looking 43yr old fit guy, seeks female for fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386898**

PAUL 47, large build, likes beach, cinema, music, seeks female for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370693**

GENUINE male, 53, Steve, slim, GSOH, great personality, seeks genuine female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386628**

RICHARD dark hair, blue eyes, 5ft 6ins, slim-medium build, easygoing, loving, likes theatre, cinema, meals out, walks, countryside, seeks female, 37-60 for LTR. Ashford. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386622**

38YR old male, medium build, grey hair, blue eyes, seeks female for fun times. Maidstone. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386614**

39YR old handsome gent seeks young at heart mature lady for days out, shopping and good conversation. Kent. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370461**

DEREK 46, slim, genuine, seeks Foreign lady for possible LTR. Kent. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386438**

JEFF 58, well built, 6ft, extra large chest seeking a female for fun and friendship. Kent. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386412**

67YR old widower, likes real ale, 60's rock/roll, looking for lady to add some spice to life. Folkestone. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372397**

YOUNGISH 49yr old dad, like wining/dining, days out, seeking an attractive female for LTR. Dover. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372171**

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Could you make people happy?

Ask not what your community can do for you but what you can do for your community, is the question posed by People United. **Ed Hill** talks to the charity's founder Tom Andrews about how it sets up projects aimed at building a real sense of community spirit through good deeds



IN IT TOGETHER: People United projects are aimed at getting communities working together as one

WHAT makes people happy? It's a question not just of interest to psychologists but increasingly to politicians.

David Cameron is spending £2 million getting the Office of National Statistics to create a happiness index to measure the nation's well-being. But one Kent organisation is already blazing a trail in the field.

Canterbury based People United describes itself as a creative laboratory aimed at making the world a better place.

It was the brainchild of Tom Andrews who has spent a career in the arts, education, community and charity sectors.

He said: "It came down to something very simple; people getting on with other people. Of course that links it to all sorts of other things such as citizenship, anti-social behaviour and the Big Society."

The aims of the charity may seem naively idealistic, but the group's projects are backed up with thorough research by the psychology department of the University of Kent.

Mr Andrews said: "It can't be just nice words; it has to be something that happens on the ground.

"The university's involvement gives us credibility. The psychology department evaluates our work. If people say what we do is a bit wishy-washy, we can show our work actually make a difference."

The group's first project was in three primary schools. Two in Kent and a partner school in Halifax.

Mr Andrews said: "We looked at things like role models and empathy and then developed that into practical projects. We use the arts to inspire kindness and social interaction.

"We often hear the worst about people but we wanted to turn that round. We got the children to talk about the kind and courageous things people do.

"We worked with musicians, poets, illustrators theatre and film makers to help children tell their real life stories about people. That led on to other things like schools going out and clearing up their local park or making smoothies and biscuits for their local fire station and hospital.

"These may seem like small things but it does make a difference. The children did it themselves and by doing something that made other people happy they made themselves happier."

The success of the project was backed up by academic research. Psychologists compared children in schools who had been part of the project with others that had not.

Mr Andrews said: "The results showed consistently that at the schools where the children had taken part they were more willing to help one another. They also saw people who were outside their social circle, for example children in another school, in a more positive light."

People United published a small book about what it learnt and sent it to other schools in Kent so they could begin their own projects. They can also access the charity's website for more help.

Mr Andrews said: "We want every project to have a real legacy."

Not content with trying to make a school happy the small team of three decided to apply the same principles to a whole town. They called the project We All Do Good Things.

Frances Moran, operations manager, said: "We chose Herne Bay because it was local, not too big and we had a good relationship with the volunteer centre. We also did some research about Herne Bay and there was a need for more volunteers to bring people together. Canterbury and Whitstable were relatively well catered for when it came to the arts, so people were happy it was happening there."

The grouped worked with more than 30 organisations to stage 90 events over a year. They included writing workshops, poetry sessions, craft making and much more.

People United estimate that around a sixth of the town's population was involved in some way with the project. The finale was a giant picnic in the town's memorial gardens.

Ms Moran said: "The whole community loved it so much that they are doing it again on August 28 this year. We have now handed it over so people in Herne Bay can carry it on."

The latest project has involved getting young people in the town to redecorate a beach hut where people can explore their ideas on how they can help the community.

The group's reputation is growing all the time. Mr Andrews has talked of their work at national conferences and its research results have been presented in America.

He said: "We are ambitious about what we can achieve. We are a national organisation for the Arts Council but we do not want to get too wrapped up in policy.

"We will write up the things we have learnt and then people can develop it in their own way. The way people do something in Herne Bay will be very different from how they would do it in Walsall but the principle is the same."

And Mr Andrews has no doubts about the need for People United to continue.

He said: "Unesco found that the UK was really low down on a scale of kindness and how people thought about people around them.

"It's not just about helping old people across the road, it is about what sort of society we want to live in. What our schools are like.

"Most people want the world to be a fair and kind place and our work is to find out how we can make that happen."

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In May of this year, live animal exports started crossing the channel from Ramsgate. Animal protestors want the trade banned although legislation means the port has to accpet the legal exports. Activists and councillors are now looking to a south coast neighbour and to the European Parliament to see how they can stop the live exports and succeed, as they did in Dover in the 1990s



EMOTIVE ISSUE: The export of animals through the port of Ramsgate has sparked protest, while Thanet District Council, which runs the port, faces the threat of costly legal action if it were to ban them

A NEW GENERATION OF ANIMAL EXPORTS

THERE have been few issues in recent years which act as an instant trigger for angry protesters and emotive language.

Animal exports have certainly been one. Few will be able to forget the angry scenes outside Dover several years ago when the trade used the port.

And now the issue is a political hot potato once more after exports began at Ramsgate.

Once again, farmers have pointed out the benefits to being able to conduct the trade – citing financial benefits and the strict legislation which must now be met to ensure the safety of the animals involved.

Those opposed are vocal in their condemnation.

Peter Stevenson, chief policy advisor at Compassion in World Farming, said: "Young calves, perhaps two or three weeks old who have already suffered the distress of being removed from their mother are being transported huge distances involving two ferry crossings and three road journeys.

"Young calves are not equipped to cope with the demands of lengthy journeys and many suffer greatly from stress, exhaustion, thirst, hunger and disease.

"We urge Britain's sheep farmers not to send their animals for slaughter abroad."

This time, both protestors and concerned councillors are looking along the south coast to Portsmouth; a port which has recently, and legally, stopped the trade to prevent angry scenes which can impact both on the port's reputation and other business.

The movement of calves and sheep to the continent began in Ramsgate in May, following damage to the pontoon in Dover.

National and European legislation, which has established Ramsgate as an open port – meaning it must allow any vessel involved in a legal trade to dock if possible - allows the live exports to take place.

Were Thanet District Council, which both owns and runs the port, to issue a ban, it runs the risk of extensive legal action and possible compensation. With council budgets tight, no-one can take the risk of a messy trawl through the courts.

Commercial services manager at Thanet District Council (TDC), Mark Seed, said: "We are exceptionally unhappy about this situation and the potential impact such trade could have on the port, but there is no legal basis on which we can refuse the use of the port for this purpose.

"To take legal action against live animal exports would involve a significant cost to the taxpayer and, as has been shown in previous cases, sadly it is unlikely to prevent it."

Michèle Danan, head of public affairs at Compassion in World Farming (CIWF), an organisation attempting to ban the trade nationally, said: "This is a cruel and archaic trade being enforced using Victorian legislation.

"The British people don't want it and the people of Ramsgate don't want it."

A different approach will be needed – and Portsmouth is proving something of an inspiration.

The port successfully impounded a ship carrying live exports after increasing the fees to £5,000 per lorry.

Michael Lawther, strategic director for Portsmouth City Council, said: "The ferry company did not pay berthing duty fees during the period of October – November 2009.

"As a result one of their vessels was seized until the berthing fees were paid.

"Celtic Ferries paid to have the vessel released and launched a claim against the council for lost revenue.

"To challenge through the courts would not be a sound spend of taxpayers' money and as a result the council agreed to the settlement with the ferry company forgoing the berthing fee in exchange for them dropping their compensation claim."

Thanet council hopes to use a similar strategy of increasing berthing fees to pay for additional secutiry and handling costs, to price the exporters out of the market.

Labour councillor Ian Driver, who has been a vocal protestor inside and outside of the council chamber, said: "This trade is only marginally profitable, so if we could put the squeeze on the trade it would stop very quickly because they would be losing money."

Raising the berthing fees and the surcharges at the Port of Ramsgate would not only harm the ship's operator, Barco de Vapor BV of Amsterdam, but it would also impact on the farmers who are selling the animals.

Farmers, however, say the trade is essential. A spokesman for the National Farmers' Union said: "This trade is subject to comprehensive legislative controls designed to safeguard animal welfare.

"There is nothing inherently wrong or cruel either about moving calves from part of Europe to another, provided they are well-cared for both in transit and in rearing.

"This is a valuable and legitimate trade, particularly given the value of the pound against the Euro.

"If the UK public wants to retain a beauty and diversity of the English countryside, the livestock farmer has to make a profitable return on his livestock.

"Legitimate internal and external markets should be open to him."

Livestock farmer and NFU member, Frank Langrish, supports the notion that anyone breaking the legislation should be punished, but says that the journey to the continient is actually better for the animals as they have less time and distance to travel.

He said: "Unfortunately, for those of us who produce animals, that's our income, that's how we make money.

"There is an abattoir one hour and twenty minutes from Calais, so, including the loading, it will only take about four-and-a-half to five hours total transport time.

"It is also EU approved, so it operates at the same standard as those in the UK. This is a legal trade. Things have moved on over the last 20 years and there is a belt and braces way of doing things now."

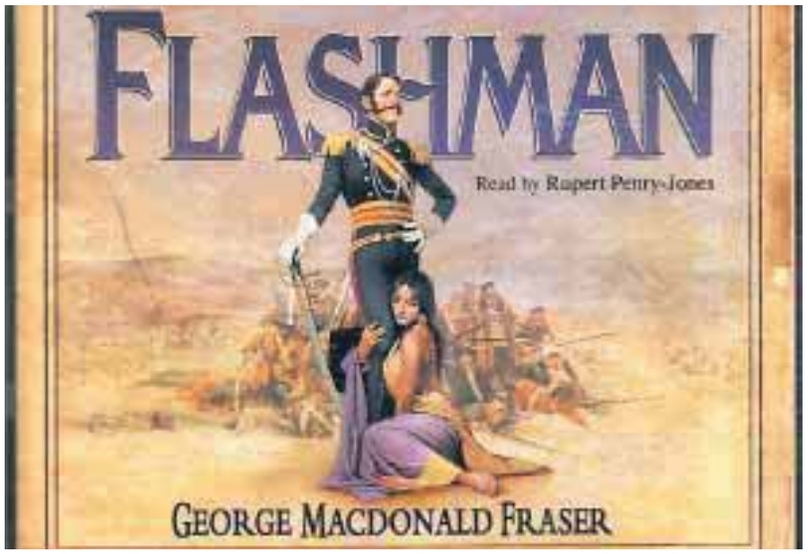
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BOUNDER: Flashman is often pictured as a soldier with a woman clinging lovingly to his leg

When the cad took on Kent's cricket players

By Nick Ames
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WITH all its great claims to true historical significance Canterbury has also been instrumental in the notorious career of fictional rake, womaniser, poltroon and arch-cad Sir Harry Paget Flashman.

One of the great literary creations of all time, Flashman first appeared in Thomas Hughes 1857 novel Tom Brown's Schooldays as the "fag-roasting rotter" bully of Rugby School, finally expelled for drunkenness.

But it took 20th century writer George McDonald Fraser to fully develop the character as a VC winning soldier and imperial adventurer in a series of bestselling novels.

The first novel in the series – simply called Flashman – sees "a scoundrel, a liar, a cheat, a thief, a coward – and oh yes, a toady" setting off on his military career.

His choice of the elite 11th Regiment of the Light Dragoon, in which his father bought him a commission – was based purely on the fact the unit was unlikely to be sent abroad and into action as it had just completed long service in India.

In fact they were based at Canterbury where Flashman, strolling in the parks, makes the acquaintance of a French woman who is involved with another officer.

The ensuing duel goes someway towards making the false reputation for daring, bravery and recklessness he holds throughout his career – as only he and his accomplice know his opponent's pistol is not loaded.



HOWZAT: Flashman plays cricket against Kent in one book

Part of the genius of the novels is that they claim to be the discovered memoires of a man who history has lauded, telling the truth of his life in old age.

This proclamation at the start of the first book was so convincing it had 10 of 34 US reviewers celebrating the unearthing of valuable real-life historical documents.

Later novels tell of Flashman's adventures in the Indian Mutiny, leading the Charge of the Light Brigade, outwitting Sherlock Holmes, battling Native American warriors, foiling a Russian invasion and helping to start the American Civil War.

At Little Bighorn, he saves his skin by (apparently) shooting General George Custer.

In Afghanistan, he acquires a reputation for heroism when his unconscious body is discovered draped in the regimental colours he'd desperately attempted to give away to the enemy.

In Flash for Freedom, he is praised as a heroic anti-slavery campaigner – but only because the ship full of kidnapped Africans he is helping sail to America has just been boarded by the US Navy.

But "Flashy" also has further connections with Canterbury when he returns in Flashman's Lady.

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Starters include fresh pea and ham soup with Kentish huffkin, crab and cucumber salad with garnish, and chicken liver and fig pâté served with toasted huffkin fingers.

Main dishes range from beef, pork, lamb or chicken for the roasts, while pan-fried seabass fillets, beef and oyster casserole or roasted mixed pepper and tomato tart are other options.

Delicious desserts include baked chocolate cheesecake, and strawberries with chantilly cream. Cheese and biscuits is another option.

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Small or large groups are all catered for and the pub is particularly popular with hikers who enjoy the excellent local landscape.

They regularly book tables for up to 20 and 30 walkers to eat and drink after long stretches of enjoying the countryside, which is some of the finest in the whole of southern England.



The See Ho is open from 11am-3pm and 6-11pm each day.

Current top-sellers on the menu are home-made rabbit pie, and steak in ale pie. Food is cooked to perfection and a £5.50 for two courses lunch special is also available. All dishes are homemade.

The varied menu includes meatloaf mash with fresh vegetables, fishcakes, chips and peas and various pasties with chips and peas or beans.

All of the dishes are complemented by excellent beers and wines which the knowledgeable staff ensure are kept perfectly.

Fresh food at very reasonable prices is the key to the success of the venue which has a large and loyal following both locally and further afield.

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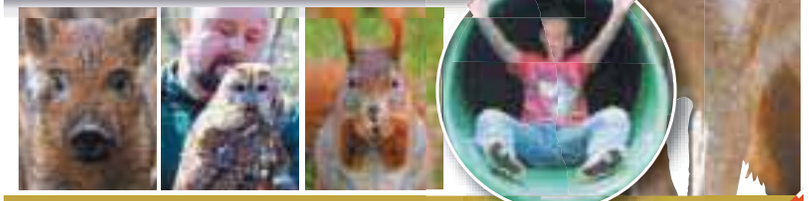
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They are mainly traffic free, but with some sections on road. At a moderate speed they can be completed comfortably in under an hour, depending on your fitness, but with young children it will take longer. Build in stops to enjoy the local attractions and you could easily spend the whole day exploring either trail.

The Isle of Harty Trail is mostly off-road, the path is largely tarmac or concrete with sections of rolled gravel. When off-road do expect potholes and small cracks; routes do go through working farms and so occasional farm traffic should be expected. Do take care on the road.

Parking can be found at the Coastal Park and there are a further two car parks along the sea wall.

Leysdown is a small, but lively seaside resort, with a fine sand and shell beach – perfect for families. Before you start your journey, treat yourself to a snack in one of the many cafés or have a go in the amusements.

The trail is signed from the Spinney in the centre of Leysdown, so you can start your exploration here.

At the beginning of the 20th century the American Wright Brothers, pioneers of early flight, made the Isle of Sheppey a focal point of British aviation. They commissioned the Short brothers, who had already set up a factory on land between Leysdown and Shellness, to build aeroplanes to fly at Eastchurch.

Nearby Muswell Manor was the headquarters for the early aviators and subsequently became the base for the Royal Aero Club of Great Britain. The first pilot's licence was issued here. Today the Grade II-listed building is a holiday centre.

Continue on to the Isle of Harty. As the name suggests Harty was once an island, separated from the Isle of Sheppey by Capel Fleet and up to a mile of water.

While enjoying views of the Swale Estuary and looking over to Whitstable, you cannot help but feel that you are the only one there.

Despite the sense of remoteness, Harty Church has been there for more than 900 years. Look carefully and you will see that this Church is situated on the channel of the East Swale. It has seen people pass its doors upon every tide. Go inside to admire the Flemish Kist (a 14th century wooden chest), carved with two jousting knights which, legend has it, was brought in on one of these tides.

Close by is the Ferry House Inn near to the Ferry Landing where, until 1947, a regular ferry crossed to the mainland. You can stop here for some light refreshment.

Further inland, the RSPB 'Raptor View Point' is worth a visit. A spur from the main cycle circuit, you can watch marsh harriers swooping over the reed beds from April to October.

This is a premier site for watching birds of prey – from the Merlin to the short-eared owl. In particular look out for the rough-legged buzzard in winter months, and the hobby in summer.

For unrivalled wildlife you can also visit the Swale National Nature Reserve, an internationally important site. Park your bikes and enter on foot. Keep your eye out for the range of rare plants, birds, butterflies and moths such as white sea kale on the beach, the clouded yellow butterfly, and bedstraw hawk moth.

Having you enjoyed your tour, why not check out the Sheerness Way, another exciting cycle ride on the Isle of Sheppey where you will discover the history of the Queenborough Lines. Or why not spend some more time on the beach enjoying the sea air?



VIEWPOINT: Both of trails on the Isle of Sheppey are virtually traffic-free and offer outstanding views

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There will be daily talks and feeds around the park and the themed months will provide fun quizzes and activities.
August will be 'Ape Month' focusing on these popular primates. Visitors can now return to the park as many times as they wish over a period of 12 months with a new passport scheme. It costs £19.95 for an adult and £15.95 for a child.

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Finish the day by letting your kids go wild on the large adventure play park featuring Kent's tallest vertical drop slide, wild fort, twisting tube slide and tree-top towers.
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Charles Darwin lived with his family at Down House for 40 years, and it is where he wrote On the Origin of Species.
The garden played an important role in the scientist's work and leisure time. In his outdoor laboratory he grew his own vegetables and fruit to study, and he walked a mile each day on the Sandwalk which he called his 'thinking path'. The house includes the study where Darwin wrote his famous works. It houses many of his scientific instruments, test-tubes and little boxes containing insects, and his well-worn walking stick. Upstairs an award-winning exhibition includes a full-sized replica of Darwin's cabin on HMS Beagle.



Cider festival
Fruity tipples and family fun

Brogdale Fruit Collection Faversham
Sunday, August 7

TASTY Old Wife and Double Vision are just two of the many local ciders available for tasting at the Cider with Brogdale event being held at Brogdale Farm, Faversham on Sunday August 7. Apples harvested in last autumn are now ready for drinking having been fermented over the winter. Meet the local cider makers and learn about their traditional skills in producing such unique flavours.
Family entertainment will also be available, with music from local Whitstable band Crooked Style. Children can visit the animals, ride the miniature railway or use the new play area. Orchard tours will also be available to see next year's cider apples growing. The Market Place shops will be selling cider and cider related gifts – including at the on-site restaurant. So whether you are a regular cider drinker or just interested in the heritage behind one of Kent's traditional drinks, Cider with Brogdale will make an enjoyable day out.

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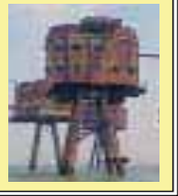
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Maze, food, alpacas and lots of fun at Haguelands

By Nick Ames

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THERE are lots of exciting things on offer at Haguelands – Kent's best kept secret.

A fantastic farm shop, a fishmonger, gift shop, bistro, cookery school, maize maze, fun yard, farm tractor rides, herd of interactive alpacas, and giant bunnies, to name but a few. And the maze is open seven days a week and offers hours of fun.

Haguelands farm shop offers numerous quality local products and many home grown things too, ranging from tasty jams and chutneys, Kent cheeses, local juices and waters through to the finest alpaca garments made from its very own herd fibre.

Also on offer this summer is paint-balling with a walk-on price of £5 for 100 balls and all necessary equipment.

The bistro and cookery school is a must, with its open-planned design, you can watch everything being created from fresh local ingredients right in front of your eyes.

If you do not enjoy your meal they will give you your money back, it's that good.

Once you have sampled the best of what Kent has to offer, why not book yourself up on one of the many cookery classes to learn just how easy it can be to cook with fresh local products?

Millie Marsh gift shop and Romney Marsh Fish Market complement the site with great local affordable products with a difference. If you can't find that unique gift or the best local fish around try Haguelands and you won't be disappointed.

New to this year is the park and ride service, where you can park your car at Haguelands and enjoy a free tractor ride to Dymchurch beach, which is a mile up the road. This service runs seven days a week, 9am-6pm and is a great way of having a cheap fun-filled day out with a difference.

Lastly, check out the website for some great fun evenings with a difference, such as the Drive-in Cinema nights, where you stay in you car to watch a movie on a 30ft outdoor screen. Waitresses will serve your car on roller skates, too.

There will be horror films screened on Halloween, again, on the outdoor 30ft screen, but this time with zombies serving your car. If you've never tried opera, why not come along to the outdoor opera in September, you can bring a picnic or order one from our bistro to complement your evening.

There's loads of Fun on the Farm to be had at Haguelands and they can't wait to see you!



WHERE ARE YOU? There's lots of fun to be had at Haguelands, just ensure you make it out of the maze so you can enjoy the other attractions





GREENERY: The park offers history and beauty

Gardens offer the past and pleasant

FAMILIES visiting Goodnestone are always surprised to discover such a haven of beautiful tranquillity hidden away in south-east Kent. The gardens have many centuries of history behind them and have been created by generations of the FitzWalter family who have lived there since they built the house hundreds of years ago.

This summer, children have the chance to explore the 14 acres of gardens and woodland and enjoy a picnic or light lunch in the grounds' tearoom. Situated on the outskirts of Canterbury, the gardens have been maintained during the last 40 years by Lady Margaret FitzWalter and are filled with different specimens and displays of flowers and greenery throughout the year.

They grounds also play host to a number of events through the year. Between August 9-29 the Kent Costume Trust Exhibition heads to Goodnestone House offering queenly party dresses of the 20th century. On Saturday, August 20, the Garden Opera will host the outdoor production of Mozart's The Impresario.

Tickets for this event can be bought from the Marlowe Theatre on 01227 787787. And just before the children head back to school, The Magic Flute by musical director David Flood heads to the grounds. The show will play on Saturday, September 3, and Sunday, September 4 at 7pm an 5pm respectively. Tickets cost £25 and are available from Canterbury Gift Office in Burgate or by phone on 01227 464764.

For more information visit www.goodnestoneparkgardens.co.uk or phone 01304 840107. Opening times are 11am-5pm on Tuesday- Friday and from noon-5pm on Sundays.



YOUNG CAST: Actors from Kids On Stage present the Disney classic Beauty and the Beast at the Leas Cliff Hall in Folkestone

Beauty and the Beast for the kids, by the Kidz

DISNEY'S Beauty and Beast is a classic show and this production presented by Kidz On Stage at the Leas Cliff Hall will leave you gasping with excitement.

With an all-singing, all-dancing cast, Oscar-nominated songs, grand sets and special effects, the show is sure to provide something for every theatre-goer.

It takes place over two weeks from Monday, August 15 to Saturday, August 27.

There will be a spectacular transformation of the Beast into a Prince in this top drawer entertainment.

Beauty and The Beast includes wonderful songs like Be Our Guest, Beauty and the Beast, No Matter What, and many more .

The original costumes will be hired from London, to fit such characters as heroine Belle, egomaniacal hunter Gaston, dim-witted hanger-on Lefou, and Maurice the eccentric inventor.

And in one memorable major scene the cast are transformed from humans – and it needs the love of the heroine to change them back

Monsieur Lumiere is changed to a candelabra but still fancies himself as a ladies man.

Babette is transformed into a featherduster, while Mrs Potts is the kind-hearted teapot and her son Chip is the teacup.

But the star of the production is the Beast, who becomes the handsome Prince in the end.

Tickets for Beauty on the Beast cost £11 for adults or £10 for a child. Family tickets cost £38 and admit two adults and two children,

Contact the Leas Cliff Hall box office on 01303 228600.



Landlords must warm to government's Green Deal

Rental homes with poor Energy Performance Certificates will be banned from the market says **Tara Greaves**, sustainability correspondent for Archant, who uses personal experience to outline the current situation

OVER the years I have rented various properties and was often frustrated at the lack of power I had to make sure they were energy efficient – saving me much-needed money as well as helping the planet by being greener.

There was the one home with the windows so drafty the curtains had to be tacked to the sill to stop them billowing, and the other where lack of proper insulation meant sitting in a sleeping bag in the winter, even with the heating on full blast.

Now it seems that energy and climate change secretary Chris Huhne has taken matters into his own hands by introducing regulations that all landlords have to comply with to ensure minimum energy efficiency standards.

The measures, announced as part of the Government's Green Deal – aimed at making this country's ageing housing stock more energy efficient – will mean at least 682,000 properties will need to be improved between next year and 2018.

And while the proposals have not been met with overwhelming support, they should be good news for tenants – many of whom will face lower fuel bills as a result of improvements.

During the second reading of the Energy Bill this week it was announced that from April, 2016, landlords will not be able to refuse reasonable requests from tenants or local authorities, acting on behalf of tenants, to improve their property.

From April, 2018, the Government will also make it unlawful to rent out a house or business premise which has less than an 'E' energy efficiency rating – although I would have liked to have seen this even greater.

From next year, under the Green Deal, people will be able to access finance to pay for the upfront cost of work which will be paid back through savings on lower fuel bills, so it should not mean increasing the rent for that reason.

The bills are linked to the home rather than the person and could aid a quarter of a million of the worst insulated rented homes, which are classed as fuel poor.

Mr Huhne said: "Our proposals provide a voice for tenants living in poorly insulated, draughty homes."

The Green Deal is a win-win opportunity for landlords by removing the upfront cost of work to upgrade the property making it cheaper to run, more environmentally-friendly and ultimately more attractive to rent.

"For those landlords who don't take up the Green Deal then we will get tough so that by 2018, the poorest performing rented housing stock is brought up to a decent standard," said Mr Huhne.

Redevelopment scheme all for good of the public

A NEW social enterprise has been launched in the South East called BLAC Regeneration Limited which aims to redevelop under-used and derelict brownfield sites into high-quality, well designed and sustainable homes.

BLAC works for a social purpose and for the public good in disadvantaged and under-privileged communities, by redeveloping public sector properties to provide affordable housing and starter homes for people taking their first step onto the housing ladder.

As a social enterprise, BLAC says it embodies the Government's vision for the Big Society. BLAC is an alternative to the private sector companies traditionally responsible for regeneration projects.

In the wake of the recession, public finance for regeneration projects is scarce. Coupled with funding constraints in the banking system, a stagnant housing market and the fragility of small business, economic recovery in Britain relies heavily on the concept of the Big Society working.

BLAC represents the privatisation of the Brownfield Land Assembly Company Ltd, following the wind-down of the South East England Development Agency (SEEDA).



MAIN MAN: Richard Barwick

Richard Barwick, managing director of BLAC, said: "Shared value is right at the heart of our business. It involves the notion that the company and the community are interdependent. It means creating economic value in a way that also creates value for society by addressing its needs and challenges.

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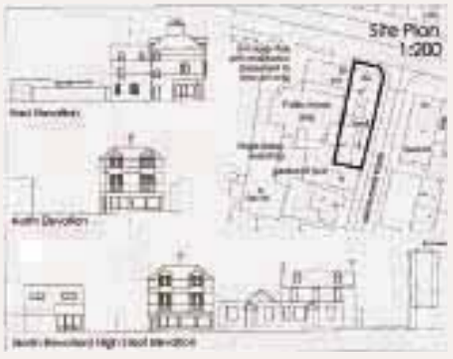
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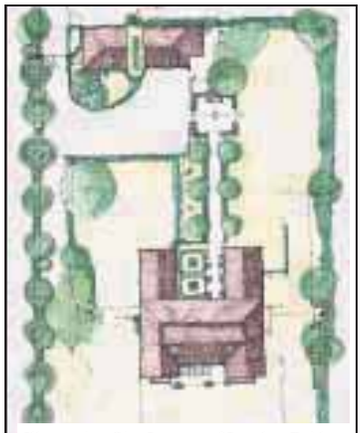
Thinking of building your dream home?

To most people the idea of building a house is a dream only available to those in the trade or people with endless pockets that appear on Grand Designs. However, with the right guidance, it could be easier than you think. Amazingly around 25% of detached houses built in the UK each year are self builders. That's an estimated 20,000-25,000 people; 90 to 95 per cent of which have never built anything before.

So why build your own home?
Most people choose to build their perfect house rather than settle for a property that doesn't meet their aspirations. Quite often people buy second hand properties that leave them with an endless list of home improvements and alterations, when it could be easier and more cost effective in the long run to build your own house to your specific preference. There is also a major tax benefit too; with all the materials and labour you use in building your own home free of VAT (Valued Added Tax).

Considering the possibility?
Firstly, if you are thinking of taking on the challenge make sure you play to your strengths and ensure you don't take on more than you can handle. Project managing such a task is a full time job that requires organisation, the ability to work to a strict budget, to negotiate with tradesmen, a good attention to detail and most importantly for those not involved in the industry, an inquisitive mind that makes the most of the advice and expertise of the professionals you employ. Remember if you don't understand anything, just ask. However, if this all seems daunting or unrealistic, then you can hire professionals to take charge of part or the whole scheme such as your architect, a chartered surveyor or a contract builder. Unfortunately, employing someone to take these responsibilities comes at a cost but this will be a much lower cost than taking on the build yourself and failing!

Finding a plot
Obviously one of the first issues is finding a suitable plot. The most important thing to do is make sure you keep an eye on what is coming to the market and register with any agents that sell development plots.


Illustrative Site Layout of Land at Bridge

RPC Land and New Homes specialise in this area and provide an online service that allows you to register and review any land opportunities that come to the market. Additionally if you specify your individual preferences, any new sites that come to the market can be automatically emailed to you.

Types of planning
Plots come in three main forms;
1. With outline planning permission
2. With detailed planning permission
3. Without planning permission

Outline and detailed planning permission both give you the right to build a property within certain parameters, but detailed permission usually stipulates specific materials and landscaping. Plots without planning permission are by far the cheapest but are almost always not worth the gamble, as if consent could be achieved, most land owners would have done so and sold them at a much higher value.

Arranging your finance
A good tip for self builders is that ready cash always gives you an edge over others. To maximise your buying power, try to sell your existing home or arrange your finance before you start searching. If the cash is in an easily accessible account and you are not connected to a chain, then when your ideal plot comes to the market you will be in a prime position to be able to purchase the site.

Unfortunately, finance for self build, as with all mortgages is not as easy to arrange as it once was.

One bank that is happy to provide self-build mortgages is Handelsbanken. "We have helped a number of our customers build their dream homes" says Jeremy Brett, Branch Manager of their local Maidstone office. "The key is for borrowers to seek professional advice at an early stage and to be realistic about what they need to contribute themselves, which is often the actual building plot itself, so we can then provide a mortgage to fund the construction, drawn in stages as the build progresses. Rates and fees are all by individual negotiation and finance can include flexibility during the build stage."

Use your imagination
Finally, when searching for a plot try and keep an open mind and remember that no plot is perfect but with some imagination most problems can be overcome.

Would like a New Home without the stress?
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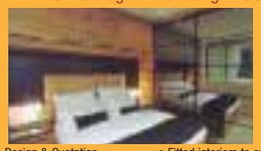




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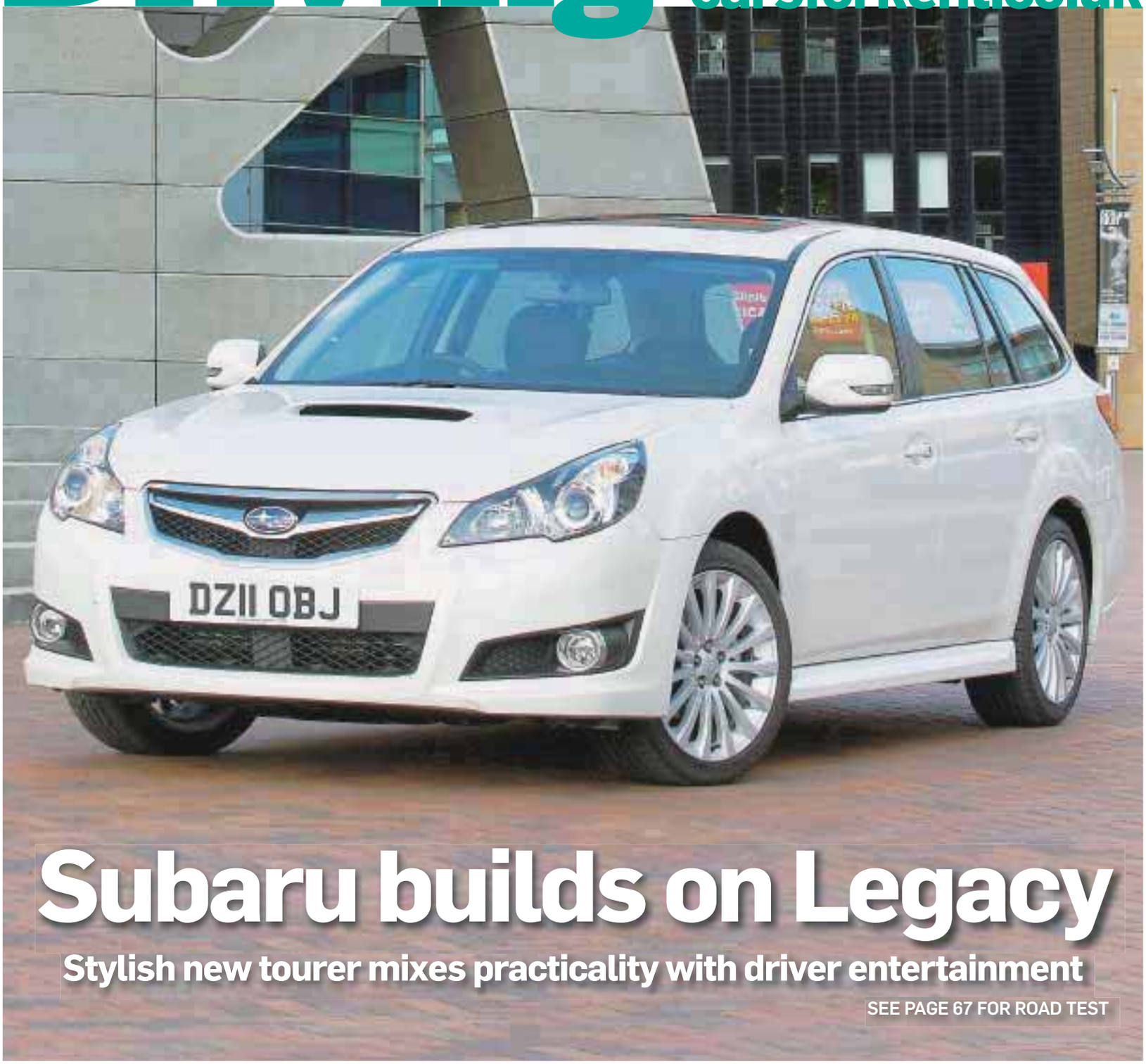
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Legacy grows stronger

By Sam Davison
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UNTIL the recession, many a success story was told by buying a big country spread and attendant Range Rover.

Such nouveau riche must have wondered though why 'old money' neighbours chose not to thunder down country lanes in a gargantuan gin palace or even a SWAT team Land Rover Discovery, preferring something more modest and low profile instead.

Like a Subaru estate.

Now you might say Subaru is as much a newcomer as Land Rover's latter day Tonka Toys, but the Japanese 4x4 specialist wooed the rural establishment with its little all-wheel drive pick up of the 1980s, often known as the BRAT.

Cheap to buy, seemingly bulletproof and light enough to go most places that the original Land Rover could go down on the farm, it was natural that Subaru should then sell its estates as Sunday best motors for the farming set, too.

There was the contradiction that saw Subaru also selling rally-bred Imprezas to a younger set, from which the brand has now distanced itself – the pivotal moment was probably when Burberry baseball caps became this group's favourite fashion item.

While grappling with this marketing headache though, Subaru was also buttering up its old money clientele by producing its first diesel engine.

No mean feat; perhaps the most idiosyncratic of all Japanese marques, Subaru not only adheres to 4x4 but also boxer engines – so named because horizontal opposition of the pistons makes them look like boxers throwing punches.

Subaru is in illustrious company here as Porsche also prefers this format, which cuts weight, allows easier cooling and, crucially, seats the engine lower for better balance.

But no-one had ever built a boxer diesel before and Subaru didn't need to either, since it was only us Brits and the Europeans who wanted one.

Still, we should be glad it did because the diesel models are transforming the brand's appeal to core supporters and winning new ones.

It does, of course, pull from lower down the rev range than its petrol equivalent – a boon when the car performs light off-roading – and delivers lively performance with a smoothness more like a throaty petrol unit.

But it is an average mpg in the mid-40s that makes it a winner and nowhere is this more obvious than in the Legacy series, available as a Tourer (estate) or as the pumped-up 'off-roadable' Outback estate.

We tested the former. It's not flashy, but stylish and well made, with an interior far more upmarket than Subarus of the past; the durability of a Subaru cabin could rarely be questioned, but the style and the quality of the fixtures and fittings could be agricultural.

The total package could still be deemed agricultural in a different way, because farmers love a bargain and there are plenty of standard goodies even on the entry level S (from £24,865 in diesel format) including power sunroof, decent alloys, cruise control and electric everything.

Two grand or so more for our upmarket SE test car also includes leather seats and smart aluminium pedals and more.

The car has loads of stowage, rear legroom is excellent, and the boot generous, with remote releases for the rear seats – just in case you need more space while cramming the back.

On the road, the Legacy is a pleasing mixture of comfort and driver entertainment: all-wheel drive means the car is sure-footed, but a slight lean on the corners is testament to softer spirning and straight line ride comfort.

For those who prefer a lower profile rather than an SUV or MPV, plus 4x4, this is the perfect load lugger. It's also a rather cheaper alternative to an Audi Quattro estate.

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SKODA came first with 88.4 per cent in the 2011 ownership survey by consumer publication Which? Car. Four Skoda models were ranked in the top 10: the award-winning Yeti (4th) SUV; the flagship Superb Estate (6th); and two generations of the Superb Hatch (9th and 10th). All approval scores were higher than 94 per cent, an exceptional performance.



New engines boost Panda

FIAT has reinforced the Panda's environmental credentials with new Euro 5 emissions legislation compliant engines. They offer higher top speed, improved fuel consumption and lower CO2 emissions. The most notable is a 69bhp 1.2-litre Euro 5 petrol engine (0-62mph in 13.4 seconds, combined cycle 57.6mpg and CO2 113g/km) replacing the 1.1-litre entry unit.



Chinese deal for Caterham

CATERHAM'S legendary Seven sports car, which is now being built in Dartford, will be sold in China for the first time after an exclusive deal signed with a new importer. It means six retailers in key provinces of China will be set up over the next year with sales of 30-50 Sevens during that year. The Seven is already a huge hit in Japan.

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Official fuel consumption in mpg (litres/100km) for the Škoda range: Urban 19.2 (14.7) – 68.9 (4.1), Extra Urban 36.2 (7.8) – 94.2 (3.0), Combined 27.7 (10.2) – 83.1 (3.4). CO2 emissions for the Škoda range 237 – 89g/km.

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Audi warranty complete package

WE have been predicting an outbreak of 'Warranty Wars' for some time after several brands raised their standard warranty from three to five years and with Kia, notably, upping the ante to seven.

But it had been something of a phoney war. Nevertheless, premium brand Audi has now taken off its gloves to enter the fray with a five-year/90,000-mile package rolled in with a three-year service, maintenance and tyre replacement deal.

The peace of mind package, not surprisingly labelled Audi Complete, can be bought with a one-off fee or fixed monthly payments starting from just £27.

The only extras left to pay for the customer then are road tax, insurance and fuel costs. Those who don't opt for the deal though are left with Audi's standard three-year or 60,000-mile warranty.

For the brand's big-selling compact executive A4 model, Audi Complete service and maintenance with five-year warranty starts from £32, based on 30,000 miles and a fixed service regime. The enhanced Audi Complete service, maintenance and tyres pack with warranty starts from £47 for the same model.

■ At the same time, Audi has also announced a re-work for its classy A5 Sportback, Coupe and Cabriolet range – some models now have a 60+mpg average and 122g/km CO2 emissions potential



The line-up has had a subtle redesign inside and out, extensive changes under the skin including engine replacements or upgrades, new fuel-saving electromechanical power steering and suspension revisions.

Prices start at £26,490 for the A5 Coupe range (pictured).



Toyota's Touch and Go system key to new and improved Yaris

ORDER books are open on the third-generation Toyota Yaris, a sophisticated car far from where the Japanese marque was in the supermini sector little more than 10 years ago.

Toyota had been hard-pressed to supply a small car of any interest to British buyers, but the first Yaris changed all that in 1999. It was a marvel of spatial design and innovation, and that momentum was maintained by the Mark II in 2006.

Toyota believes its successor, launched in September, will go further with sharper, contemporary styling, a step-up in quality, even greater agility and a breakthrough in affordable multimedia connectivity with Toyota 'Touch and Go'.

The Toyota Touch audio system, including touchscreen controls, is fitted as standard to all but the entry level model, and also brings Bluetooth connectivity, a USB port and a rear parking camera.

But this can be upgraded to the Toyota Touch and Go system, which provides full map satellite navigation and access to information services downloaded via a dedicated Toyota customer portal.



There are no surprises in the powertrain section though; Toyota had already given the previous Yaris engine line-up a major upgrade in tune with its Optimal Drive initiative, which help cut fuel consumption and emissions without harming power and torque levels.

The options are a three-cylinder 68bhp 1.0-litre petrol unit, but the likely bestseller is the four-cylinder 98bhp 1.33-litre petrol engine, with a 89bhp 1.4-litre diesel completing the line up.

The Yaris will again be offered in three or five-door format. Prices start at £11,170.

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Motoring

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IT'S COOL TO GO GREEN: Lexus CT200h – the Japanese premium brand reckons it has made it fashionable to be green with this petrol-electric energy saving executive hatchback

Making the most of what we've got

INDUSTRY experts are still arguing about where the next big leap in motoring power will take us.

Most are backing electric, but where is the saving in oil and emissions if you still need fossil-fuelled power stations to generate energy to power the car batteries?

Others say hydrogen powered cars are the answer. These would use one of the commonest elements on Earth and the waste product would be water, but the cost of creating a fuel supply and distribution infrastructure from nothing looks prohibitive – particularly as the global economy is so shaky.

All of which leaves us to make the best of what we've got in the real world here and now, and that is the internal combustion engine.

And it has come a long way in a short time since the threat of global warming was identified: power and fuel economy have gone up and CO2 emissions come down.

Large family cars are now capable of an average fuel consumption close to where superminis were just a few years ago, and it isn't all to do with the engine either, since low-rolling resistance tyres, lighter oils, better aerodynamics and weight-saving techniques have all helped make it easier to eke out more from every precious litre of fuel, while lowering emissions.

That's just as well, with the effects of the recession still shackling the UK economy and fuel prices reaching record heights.

It is timely too that the world's No1 carmaker, Toyota and its premium brand Lexus, have led the way with hybrid cars, marrying efficient petrol engines with electric motors to deliver the best of both worlds.

Electric power is clean and delivers instant pulling power, whereas a piston engine needs time to work up to full revs, but battery technology is not yet good enough to deliver the realistic travelling range – that's supplied by the onboard piston engine.



LITTLE MARVEL: Smart ForTwo – in diesel form, the two-seat city car has an official average mpg well into the 80s, making it the UK's most fuel-efficient mainstream production car

The formula works particularly well on bigger cars where there is more room for both petrol and electric powertrains plus the latter's batteries.

But there are other forces driving us down the eco motoring route: the Government has started persuading us into smaller and cleaner cars through new road tax bandings ranging from zero to £460/year.

The ceiling is even higher in year one when buying a new gas guzzler model attracts a £1,000 hit, not that they will mind if they can afford to even think about running something with that kind of thirst – those people won't be reading this supplement though.

Drive clever and save better

MAN and machine in harmony can slash pounds off your motoring bill.

The key is to downsize and run a cheaper car and then save even more by smarter driving and journey planning.

Avoid short journeys; a cold engine wastes fuel and can produce 60 per cent more pollution than a warm one, and short car journeys require extra servicing and will wear the engine faster.

If you must drive then drive off immediately, rather than idling the engine. It will warm up faster, use less fuel and pump out less CO2. In winter, this also helps the car heater warm faster, though windscreens must be fully defrosted before setting off.

Here are some more eco tips:

■ Plan your route to save strain on car and driver. Take the most direct route – a sat nav can help – and go off peak if possible. If you commute, think about car sharing, 'park and ride' bus schemes, or other public transport.

■ Have your vehicle serviced regularly. Neglected engines reduce fuel economy by 10 per cent or more. Catalytic converters clean emissions, but only when properly maintained.

■ Check tyres. Under-inflated tyres need replacing more often (itself an environmental problem), are dangerous, and waste fuel. Check pressures weekly.

■ Obey speed limits to save money and stay legal. 'Feather' the throttle as you reach cruising speed; 56mph uses 25 per cent less fuel than 70mph and a smoother driving style saves fuel.

■ Accelerate briskly without racing the engine. Pulling away too fast uses up to 60 per cent more fuel. Intelligent gear changes at modest engine speeds can save up to 15 per cent in fuel.

■ Reduce drag. Remove roof racks and carriers when not in use. Open windows cause drag and lower fuel economy. Remove unnecessary and heavy boot luggage and accessories and wide tyres that add rolling resistance. Air conditioning costs fuel so try to use the fan and vents unassisted.

■ Buy green fuel and use less. Look for low sulphur diesel (City diesel) or cleaner petrol (low sulphur/aromatics). Consider a conversion to LPG (liquid petroleum gas) which is half the price of petrol and cleaner.

■ Think ahead. There is no point rushing and then having to brake suddenly.

■ Be a tank miser. Why fill the tank to the brim and carry more weight than is necessary?

■ Avoid zero mpg. Turn off the engine after two minutes to save fuel and emissions if stuck in a jam.





TAKE CARE: Adopt our driving tips to save yourself money. It may also be worth your while to think about downsizing to versatile five-door city cars like the Suzuki Alto or the Fiat Panda – the latter has a new range of even lower emission engines. Your bank balance and the environment might be grateful

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Fuel for thought

THERE are signs that diesel – the wonderfuel of the past decade – could run out of puff as the race to cut emissions and save money gets tougher.

Its original appeal was the cheapness of the fuel, greater mpg and the better low-down pulling power of the engines, plus their ability to meet the then tighter emissions legislation.

However, diesel now commands an increasing premium against petrol and there are doubts whether the engines can continue to meet ever tougher emission laws.

Meanwhile, petrol power has hit back with smaller, lighter and cleaner engines with turbocharging for extra flexibility.

Fiat has highlighted this with the new turbocharged twin-cylinder TwinAir petrol unit fitted to its retro-styled 500 hatchback. Despite having a smaller capacity (875cc) than many sporting motorcycles, this multiple award-winning 85bhp engine delivers lively performance when required, as well as excellent economy and low emissions – it can average nearly 70mpg and also escapes road tax.

What's more, Fiat has created a unique TwinAir look that highlights the car's sporting rather than eco credentials – apparently you can have your panettone and eat it.

Another eco flag bearer is Smart's little two-seat city marvel, the ForTwo, which includes a diesel model that is the most economical full production car on UK roads and capable of an average mpg in the mid-80s.

But when the rest of the line-up of petrol coupes and cabrios is far cheaper and hardly less economical and tax friendly, why bother?

Petrol makes great sense on small cars anyway because the engines are usually much lighter than diesel equivalents, making them nimbler and nicer to drive as well as easier on front-end mechanicals and tyres.

Discounting electric and hydrogen power for now though, there are other power options:

HYBRID: These partner conventional engines with electric units, but two powerplants and power supplies – fuel tank plus batteries – mean extra weight. On the other hand they are indisputably green and road tax friendly and the latest versions will often run in EV (electric vehicle) mode for short distances such as the school drop-off or a shopping trip.

LPG: Liquid petroleum gas (LPG) seems an excellent alternative fuel due to lower duty and emissions and cheaper car tax.

However, the calorific value and consequent mpg is slightly lower than petrol and it will cost at least £1,500 to convert an existing vehicle via an approved LPG Association operator.

There are many more LPG filling points across the country than before though – Kent has some 40 LPG sites – and LPG costs about half that of petrol and diesel at the pump, emits about 20 per cent less CO2 than petrol and slightly less than diesel and with fewer NOx and particulates.



PETROL STRIKES BACK: Fiat has highlighted the petrol revival with a stunning version of its Fiat 500, featuring an eco-friendly turbocharged petrol unit



DUAL FUEL: You can buy a petrol+LPG dualfuel Proton GEN-2 saloon or hatchback for the same price as a standard petrol model

Supermarkets, libraries, coffee bars, they'd all be more fun if you could nip through them without getting out of your Fiat 500 TwinAir. As well as being a blast to drive the TwinAir turbo 85 BHP engine is the lowest emission petrol car engine in the world.* Those low emissions mean you pay no road tax▲. The car also has total black alloys and sport interior. Take a test drive, but please remember at some point you do have to stop. The Fiat 500 TwinAir. **Everyday fun.**

EVERYTHING SHOULD BE DRIVE-THROUGH



Fiat 500 TwinAir			
OTR Price	£11,600	36 Monthly Payments	£179
Customer Deposit	£1,250	Optional Final Payment (inc option fee of £285)	£4,747
Fiat Deposit Contribution	£250	Total Amount Payable by customer	£12,441
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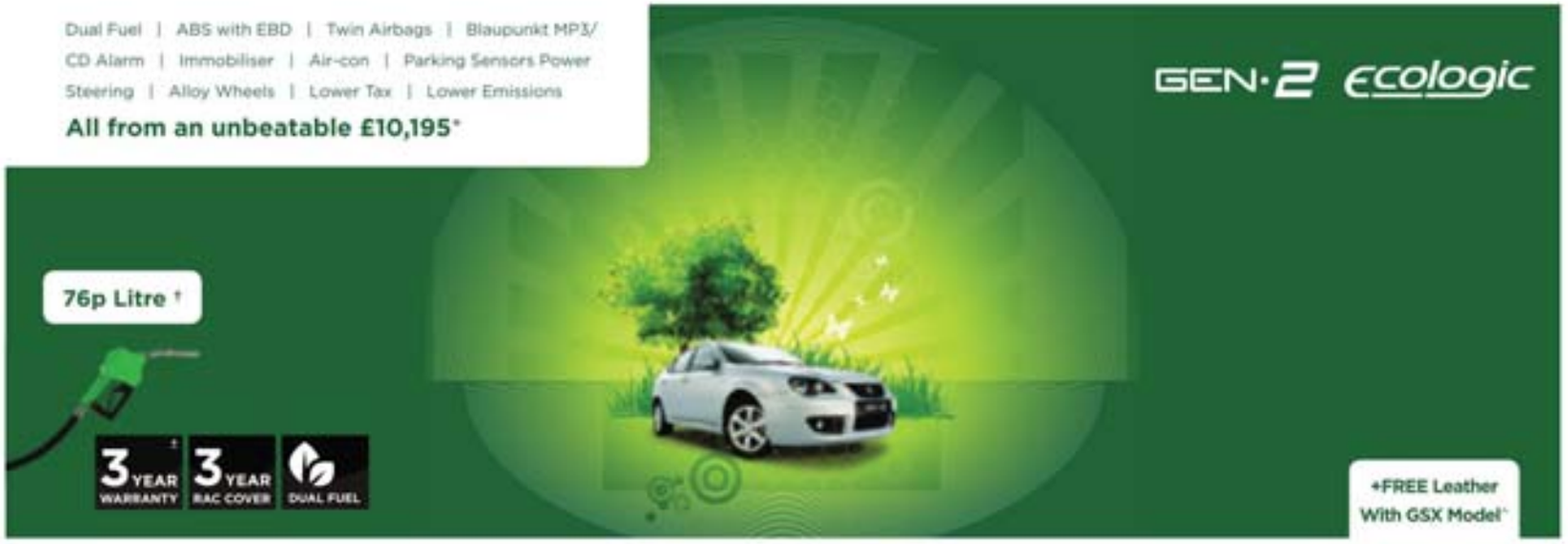
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Road tax weapon blunt but still a money saver

GOVERNMENT efforts to use road tax to beat drivers into giving up so-called gas guzzlers have met with mixed success.

There can be no doubt that escalating tax or vehicle excise duty (VED) over the past couple of years has helped fuel downsizing, but those who can afford a £50,000-60,000 monster sitting in the highest tax band are unlikely to be cowed by a £1,000 tax in the first year – especially when that figure drops to £460, or their notion of loose change, the year after.

For those with more social and fiscal conscience though, the lower bands of VED – allied with the fuel efficiency that goes with it – make more financial sense.

Most small cars and even some eco-trim medium and family models should escape VED altogether in the first year by sitting in the green bands A-D and the follow-up payments are either zero or hardly draconian, though one could argue that some in the middle bracket don't get much of a concession in follow-up years compared with the more irresponsible in the red bands of L and M.

But here is a tip: don't be seduced too much by VED savings if the eco-friendly model in the range costs a premium to buy – it may be more than the amount of tax and fuel you will save during the period you own the car. Another car in the same range might actually be a better buy, so do your sums.

VED bands – the numbers

WHAT you will pay in road tax (VED) for a new car in year one and what you you will pay thereafter – subject to any changes made in a future Budget. Note the tax holiday in the first year on smaller and low emission cars and how the highest emission models are penalised though, curiously the pain is eased thereafter (see standard rate column).

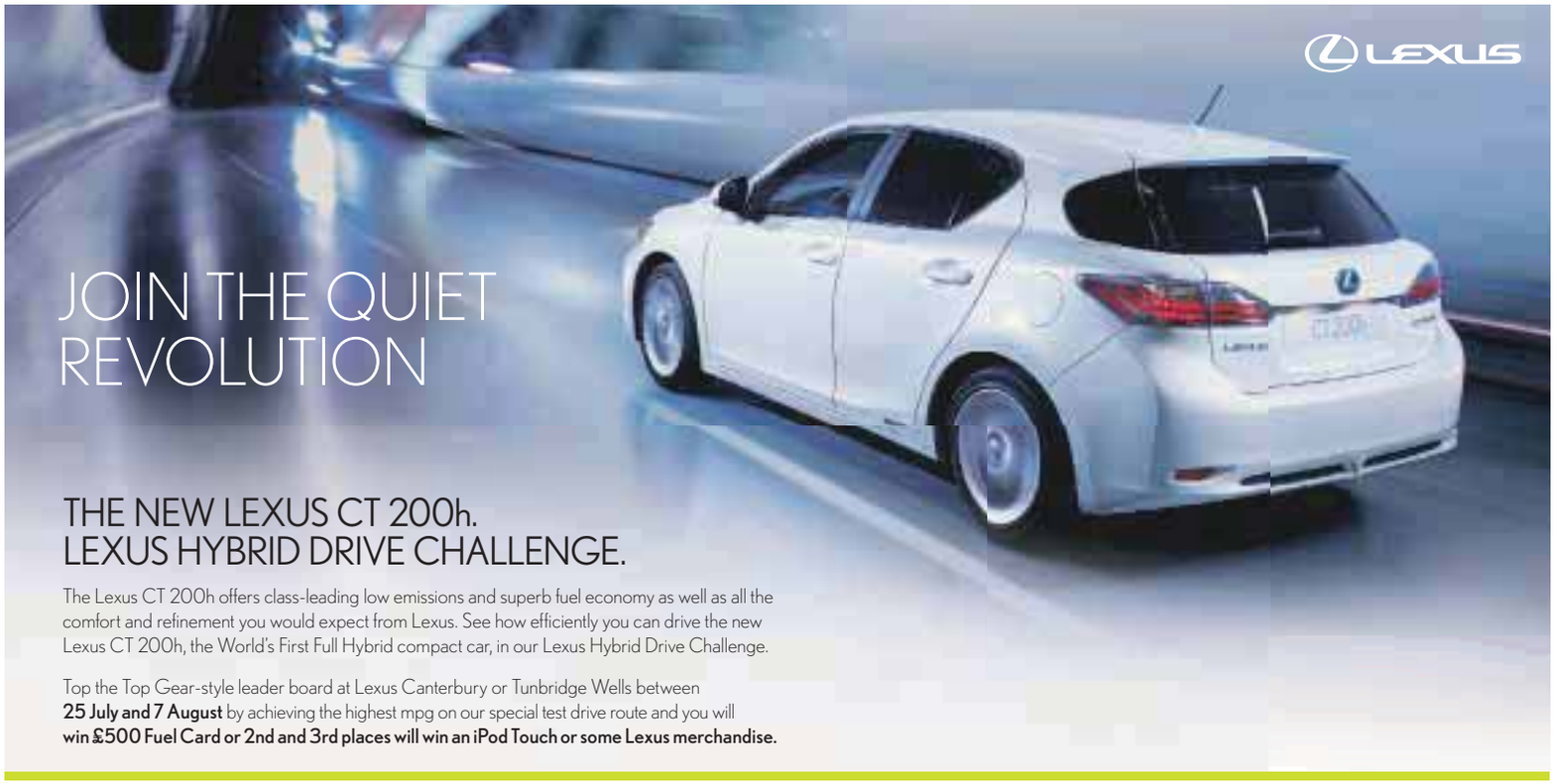
VED band	CO2 emissions (g/km)	2011/12 rate for year 1	2011/12 standard rate
A	Up to 100	0	0
B	10-110	0	£20
C	111-120	0	£30
D	121-130	0	£95
E	131-140	£115	£115
F	141-150	£130	£130
G	151-165	£165	£165
H	166-175	£265	£190
I	176-185	£315	£210
J	186-200	£445	£245
K	201-225	£580	£260
L	226-255	£790	£445
M	over 255	£1000	£460



MUST YOU GIVE UP EVERYTHING TO GET GREENER? No, says Mercedes-Benz which has introduced its eco-friendly BlueEfficiency package across most models in the newly revamped C-Class range. The most economical will average in the mid-60s for mpg and escape road tax in year one and incur just £30/year thereafter



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With CO2 and consumption falling – choice is on the up

FOR those with a conscience or simply driven by the need to save money, there was not much choice in eco motoring a few years ago.

The main options were cramped city cars with poverty specifications and the risk of losing the will to live after spending too long behind the wheel.

That's all changed. Most major manufacturers have embraced the need to offer cars that will save fuel and slash emissions without asking for major compromises in driver satisfaction or comfort.

Perhaps surprisingly, this isn't always been at the expense of performance; yes, the days are gone when the 0-60mph time was the headline fact in the carmakers' ads, but even the most diehard eco-warrior wants some extra oomph when emerging smartly from a junction or overtaking.

So manufacturers have become adept at re-engineering powertrains to extract more power while making them greener.

This also means city cars are not the only ones attracting ecologically or economically aware consumers – superminis, family hatchbacks and even family size motors can also be on their shortlist.

On top of that, there is also more choice within those parameters; superminis, for instance, now encompass mini-MPVs like Hyundai's excellent ix20, or Alfa Romeo's racy MiTo – both pictured on this page.

Here are a few do's and don'ts when choosing an economical/eco-friendly motor:

■ **DO:** Consider whether you need a diesel – it will almost certainly cost more to buy upfront and negate the savings in road tax and better fuel economy. What's more, the fuel usually costs more at the pumps and the engines are heavier than equivalent petrol units, with consequent extra cost in tyres and general wear and tear.

■ **DO:** Recognise that petrol is a viable eco contender once more – emissions and fuel consumption are being driven down as the fuel redresses the balance against diesel.

■ **DO:** Check out the hybrid option – in electric-only mode it may be just what you need for small local trips.

■ **DON'T:** Automatically consider the 'eco' badged model in your chosen car range – again, this might cost more upfront and you will have to cover many more miles to recover the savings in road tax and fuel.

You may be surprised to find that the figures add up better for the conventional car that is its closest equivalent in the line-up.

■ **DON'T:** Downsize automatically. Not everyone or their family can squeeze into a small car and bigger models can now offer excellent savings in road tax and fuel.

■ **DON'T:** Give up on a happy motoring life. There are models out there that can save the planet and your wallet, without wiping the smile off your face.



RACY BUT FRUGAL: Think you can't have style and be eco friendly? Think again. The sharply-styled Alfa Romeo MiTO is available with a road tax-beating diesel and an average mpg in the mid 70s. Even the sporty junior petrol models are economical and won't cost you any tax in year one



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KENT'S HOPEFULS FOR LONDON 2012

ASHLEY JACKSON
HOCKEY

A KEY member of Great Britain's men's hockey team, the midfielder, who grew up in Tunbridge Wells, is one of the best players in the world. The 23-year-old has amassed more than 100 international caps and will be a certain pick, fitness permitting. A seven month lay-off with a pelvic injury has halted his progress this year, but has cleared up just in time to be selected this week for the European Championship.

LISA DOBRISKEY
ATHLETICS

IT HAS been a disappointing year so far for the 27-year-old, who went into this weekend's national trials needing a good result to book her place in the World Championships squad for next month. But the 1500-metre athlete from Ashford is vastly experienced at major championships, which usually bring out the best in her, and an injury-free build-up to the Olympics would see the former Commonwealth champion among the medal contenders.

ASHLEY MCKENZIE
JUDO

THE 21-year-old has the potential to be one of Team GB's success stories in London 2012. His performances have been transformed since moving to train with Chris Bowles at Tonbridge Judo Club, racking up a string of titles over the last 15 months, including last year's European Under-23 Championships and the Polish World Cup in February.

ELLEN GANDY
SWIMMING

DESPITE not turning 20 until next month, the Bromley-born teenager has several years' experience of international competition, winning multiple medals at the European Championships and Commonwealth Games. Gandy, who lives and trains in Australia, was at the World Championships in Shanghai this week looking to add more silverware to her CV and as long as the butterfly specialist stays fit she will be a medal prospect in London.

NATALIE SEYMOUR
HOCKEY

THE Canterbury ladies defender became an international regular shortly after the Beijing Olympics and has been a regular presence for England and Great Britain ever since. An injury has limited Seymour's involvement this summer, but it should be a blip for the 24-year-old, who has helped Danny Kerry's side to podium finishes in the Champions Trophy, Commonwealth Games, World Cup and European Championship.

SUPERBIKES

Camier eyes repeat of Silverstone podium

THE World Superbike Championship heads to Silverstone this weekend with Leon Camier hoping to continue his fine form on home soil.



Last year's second race provided the Ashford-born rider, who turns 25 next week, with arguably his best performance in the series so far. Starting from 16th he delighted the fans by making his way up to third to complete an all-British podium.

Camier (pictured) also claimed a top-three finish at Donington earlier this season and is keen to get among the front runners again on a track where he has enjoyed success in the past.

He said: "Silverstone has always been one of my favourite circuits as it's fast and flowing, and has plenty of overtaking opportunities.

"I've had my fair share of races where I've had to fight my way through the field, probably one of the most memorable being at Silverstone last year. Going from 16th to stand on an all-British podium was something I'll never forget."

OLYMPICS

Nepal signing up to train pre-Olympics is Absolutely Fabulous

Picture: PAUL JERREAT



VISIT: A delegation from Nepal, along with members of Kent County Council, visited the Julie Rose Stadium in Ashford last week

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SPORTS facilities in Kent will host Paralympic athletes from Nepal ahead of next year's London Games after an agreement was signed this week, with a little help from Joanna Lumley.

Delegates from the Himalayan country's Paralympic committee visited several sites in the county during a six-day visit this week.

They were sufficiently impressed to commit themselves to a deal which will see their squad return in the build-up to the Games, becoming the ninth nation to sign up in Kent.

Chris Metherell at Kent County Council felt the county's historic links with Nepal made it a logical choice and began the process when Absolutely Fabulous star Lumley visited the country in 2009 as part of a campaign to win settlement rights for Gurkha soldiers.

He said: "Kent has got a very long standing arrangement with Nepal and the Gurkhas, so we were keen to ensure that we extended and continued that relationship between the Nepalese community and Kent.

"We made an invitation through Joanna Lumley when she was over there and she gave it to the President of Nepal and the Prime Minister, inviting people from the Olympic and Paralympic committees to come over and look at our sports facilities."

A squad of about 10 from Nepal is expected to qualify for the Paralympic Games, in sports as diverse as athletics, swimming and powerlifting.

The group visited a range of venues, including the Julie Rose Stadium and Stour Centre in Ashford and Folkestone's Pent Valley Leisure Centre, although no decision has yet been made on which specific facilities will be used.

They also met with several members of the Nepalese community in Kent and Pashupati Parajuli, the secretary general of the Nepalese Paralympic Committee, was delighted with the welcome.

He said: "It's very good, very nice facilities and the people have been very helpful. We have a very deep relationship with this part of England because of the Gurkhas, that's why we selected Kent for the training programme."

With nine agreements in place Kent has almost 10 per cent of the UK total, more than any other county with the exception of Dorset, which is the venue for the Olympic sailing events.

This week marked one year until the opening ceremony and more training camp deals are expected to be tied up as countries make their final decisions over the next few months.

Metherell said: "There is still a lot of capacity to accommodate other countries. We're exercising ourselves to try and achieve that. We have a number of other countries who are keen to come and see us."

One strong lead is the Nepalese Olympic team, who are scheduled to visit the county later this year.

KENT'S CONFIRMED TRAINING CAMPS

- **AUSTRALIA,** athletics (Tonbridge School)
- **BARBADOS,** Paralympic team (Medway Park)
- **BELARUS,** judo team (Tonbridge Judo Club)
- **NEPAL,** Paralympic team (Venues to be confirmed)
- **PAPUA NEW GUINEA,** Paralympic team (Sevenoaks School)
- **PORTUGAL,** gymnastics and trampoline (Medway Park)
- **SENEGAL,** Olympic team (Medway, venues to be confirmed)
- **SLOVENIA,** gymnastics (Pegasus, Maidstone)
- **UKRAINE,** judo (Tonbridge Judo Club)

GILLINGHAM

Proud Frampton tells of plans to lead from the front as Gills skipper

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Picture: ADY KERRY



SKIPPER: Andy Frampton was named Gillingham captain less than a month after signing for the club

GILLINGHAM players be warned – if standards slip this season your new captain will make sure you fall back in line, sharpish.

It is only a month since Andy Frampton arrived as a free agent at Priestfield, but his impact on and off the field has been significant.

The burly centre-half has hit the ground running in pre-season games, adding a calming presence in defence, while booming instructions to team-mates.

It will be something the Gills players have to become accustomed to after Frampton was officially named as the club's team captain this week. The new straight-talking skipper has no intention of treading on eggshells with his colleagues if he spots something wrong.

"As always in football everyone wants the same result and people have to take it like a man," he said. "As soon as we are off the pitch we're the best of mates again."

The captaincy issue was not thought to be on the agenda this summer, with Barry Fuller preparing for a fourth campaign in charge. But Frampton's attitude around the training ground struck a chord with Gills boss Andy Hessenthaler, who also feels the more introverted Fuller will perform better without the added responsibility.

He said: "[Frampton's] an organiser on the pitch, he doesn't mess around in the changing room – he will tell it like it is and tell the players if they're not doing it. Even things like picking up kit and putting it in the skip for the kit man to help out because he's been brought up the right way.

"I like that and they've all bought into that."

Frampton has leadership experience after brief spells as captain while at Brentford and Millwall, but Gillingham will be his first permanent post. The 31-year-old, who sought out his predecessor this week to clear the air, is delighted and believes he is inheriting a unified changing room.

"It was a very proud moment to be given the captaincy," he said. "Hopefully I will be able to lead the team in the right way and they will look up to me.

"I've been here a month now and the lads are so together and ready for this season to start.

"There's no problems, it's a great atmosphere."

Matt Lawrence has also been given a new role as club captain. The position, which includes becoming the squad's PFA representative, had been vacant since Mark Bentley was released at the end of last season.

TRANSFER TALK...

EBBSFLEET United expect to lose **Derek Duncan** after turning down the defender's request of a contract. He was due for talks at Woking this week.

There was good news for Welling United, who look set to keep **Loick Pires** and **Jack Parkinson** after trials at **Crewe Alexandra** and **Stevenage** respectively ended without contract offers.

Dover Athletic continue to fill the void left by Adam Birchall, signing **James Walker**, whose eight Football League clubs includes Gillingham.

Margate have made three additions, signing **Mark Corneille**, **Dan Stubbs** and **Liam Coleman**.

Whitstable Town are keen on adding former Chelsea youth player **James Morrish** after a successful trial.

GILLINGHAM

King vows to support Birchall during lay-off

SIMON King has pledged to pass on the benefit of his experience on the sidelines to help Adam Birchall through his long rehabilitation.

The Gillingham striker underwent an operation this week on the cruciate knee ligament damaged in a pre-season friendly. He faces eight weeks in a knee brace and is likely to be out for at least six months.

Few players in the Gills squad will be able to understand what lies ahead for the 26-year-old more than King, who spent more than 18 months out of the side with a career-threatening ankle injury.

King is well aware of the physical and mental challenges which await and is hoping to provide any help he can.

"I'll try and have a chat with him when he comes back in for rehab because obviously I know what it's like to be out for a lengthy period," he said.

"I met him at Barnet a few years back and he's a good lad and I know he's going to work hard when he starts his rehab. I know it was a nasty one, but unfortunately that's football and we're gutted for him.

"I wish him well and a speedy recovery, but I will be there to help and give him a few words of wisdom along the way. I know it can be some horrible long days in the gym, as a footballer you don't want to be stuck in there."

The damage King sustained will never completely heal and the defender has to carefully manage it to stay fit. Another injury on the same ankle is likely to end his career, but the 28-year-old is determined to make the best of the situation.

He said: "I'm going to fight for my place but it's been so long now that I don't expect to take anything for granted.

"I just want to be treated like a normal pro now, I don't want it to be 'oh, his injury's holding him back', I just want to be given a fair crack of the whip to show what I can do.

"If that means getting in the starting XI I'd be delighted, if not I'll still work hard to keep going. This could be my last year in football so I'll just go all out and give it my best."

Picture : ADY KERRY



ADVICE: Simon King will help Adam Birchall

TOURING CARS WITH TIM HARVEY



Touring car legend Tim Harvey has teamed up with Archant KOS Media this season to bring you a weekly column as the class of 2011 do battle up and down the country. Harvey, who was brought up in Sevenoaks and schooled in Tonbridge, more recently raced in the Porsche Carrera Cup for Wrotham team Motorbase Performance. He shares his thoughts, as an ITV commentator, on the British Touring Car Championship, and discusses the series' big issues.

The calm before the BTCC storm

"IT'S just over a week until the long summer break comes to an end and the British Touring Car Championship season resumes at Snetterton.

Most of the drivers will have done some form of racing in the last six weeks, even if they may not have been in their touring cars.

Even if they haven't spent much time behind the wheel a break like this doesn't really cause drivers to lose their edge like you would in most sports. They are all used to a five-month break during the winter, so you will find within 10-15 laps of getting back into the car they are right back on it again.

What you do lose is the momentum and confidence built up if you had good results going into the break. From that point of view it will be like starting with a blank sheet of paper again next weekend.

I should think Jason Plato and the Chevrolet team will have appreciated the time to perhaps re-gather their strength and re-assess what they can do in the second half of the year.

Plato and Chevrolet will firmly believe they are still in the championship battle purely because it's not in a champion's nature to throw in the towel. They will start again with a positive frame of mind and Jason will always believe he has a chance.

The break probably came at a bad time for Honda; they would have wanted the season to carry on. The big dark horses, Motorbase and Mat Jackson, were on a good roll as well so will be looking to pick up where they left off.

Although the break has given the teams a good chance to take stock, the actual development of the cars will probably be fairly minimal.

Teams are only allowed to do very limited testing so most will have used the last few weeks to sort out the list of jobs they have accumulated in the first few races and not had time to sort out. Things like mechanical engineering, working on improving reliability and restocking parts.

While they are unable to spend much time out on the track, the front runners will use racing simulators on a four-poster rig. They can be very useful for setting up aspects like the suspension and certainly teams will have spent time using them.

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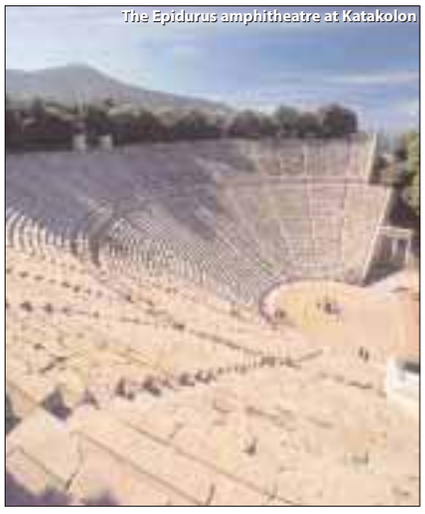
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It is good that we are up at Grace Road for the whole of next week, staying in Leicester as a team. First, there is a four-day LV= County Championship match against Leicestershire to negotiate, but having just had a whole week off it will benefit everyone to get some solid cricket under our belts again while we plan for the quarter-final.

Leicestershire are a fine side in Twenty20 and they will not be easy to beat. But we are very confident having qualified from the South Group in such brilliant style, winning back-to-back away games at Surrey and Essex, and we know we are capable of beating anybody in this competition.

As a team, we have had a very difficult summer. Too many of our players have struggled for form, and we have also had to cope with a lot of injuries to key personnel that has continually seemed to disrupt the side. In championship cricket, in particular, we have struggled and our small squad has too often been exposed.

That is why I think we can be proud, already, of our performances in the Twenty20 Cup and proud that we managed to qualify in third position in the South Group. Neither Surrey or Essex got through to the last eight in the final shake-up – and that, too, is testimony to how well we did to beat both of them when so much was at stake for us all.

The Twenty20 competition has just been tremendous fun, though.

That is my main observation as we sit here, two-thirds of the way through one of the toughest seasons I have known in my Kent career, and it is why we will be giving absolutely everything at Grace Road next Saturday.

As captain, I have also felt far more empowered in Twenty20 cricket this season – simply because I have had a lot more bowling ammunition at my disposal.

Thanks to the club’s decision to sign Charl Langeveldt as a Twenty20 specialist, in addition to Wahab Riaz as an overseas player, it has given us real quality in our bowling attack, and a depth that has so often just not been there in four-day matches.

For all but the tail-end of the Twenty20 group stage, too, I couldn’t use Darren Stevens as a bowler because of his shoulder injury, so getting him back as an all-rounder really gave us a boost going into that crucial final week of qualification – especially as we lost Adam Ball to England under-19 duties.

Pictures: ADY KERRY





PUT IT THERE: Kent skipper Rob Key highlights the impact of overseas duo Wahab Riaz (above) and Charl Langeveldt (below) in Twenty20 and why they will be instrumental at Grace Road

I really felt for Adam, who had settled into our side well and who will definitely come into contention for a quarter-final place.

How much better would it have been for him, by the way, to have been allowed to play in front of almost 20,000 people at the Oval when we beat Surrey in our penultimate group game on July 14?

But, having Darren back to link up with James Tredwell in the middle overs, in addition to having Langeveldt, Wahab and Azhar Mahmood for the early and ‘death’ overs, was so important. With that five-man attack, I felt we could defend any score and that gives the whole team confidence.

The deep experience we have in our batting and bowling line-ups also means, as captain, that I can rely on everyone to fulfil their specific roles in the side.

In Twenty20, that is vital and you see too many teams continually swapping people around – in terms of where they bat and when they bowl – and thus seeming to make things up as they go along.

Our Twenty20 campaign has been a real rollercoaster ride so far, but we have evolved nicely through the competition as a unit. Now we must hold our nerve and give it our best.

■ **Rob Key, the Kent captain and former England batsman, is one of Archant KOS Media’s regular sports columnists**

GOLF

Picture: AGATHE SERON



IN-FORM: Jason Barnes turned pro last year

Barnes edging closer to European Tour dream

IMPECCABLE consistency this season has boosted a Kent golfer’s hopes of claiming a place on the European Tour next year.

With just over half the season gone, Jason Barnes leads the order of merit on the Alps Tour, a satellite circuit based in continental Europe which operates beneath the European and Challenge Tours.

In 11 events the 27-year-old from Headcorn has not finished outside the top 25, winning in Slovenia and twice finishing as runner-up.

It has left the second-year professional in a commanding position to secure a full card on the Challenge Tour for 2012, given to the Alps Tour’s top five at the end of the season, but the real aim is to come through qualifying school this winter to join the elite European Tour.

He said: “The Challenge Tour’s a fail safe, so I can go to tour school knowing no matter what I will have a place at a higher level next year. In my mind I’m 100 per cent ready for the Challenge Tour, I don’t know about the European Tour, but I’d like to think so.”

FOOTBALL



CHAMPIONS: Dartford won last season’s final

Cup draw keeps Gills and Charlton waiting

GILLINGHAM and Charlton Athletic’s return to the Kent Senior Cup will have to wait until November after both clubs received byes to the second round.

The Football League clubs have been convinced to return to the competition by organiser the Kent County Football Association in a bid to revive the trophy’s stature.

As part of the arrangement the pair will play their ties away, with Gillingham visiting Welling United and Charlton making the short trip to Bromley, last season’s runners-up, in round two.

Defending champions Dartford also avoided a first-round tie and will face either Faversham Town or Folkestone Invicta in the last 16.

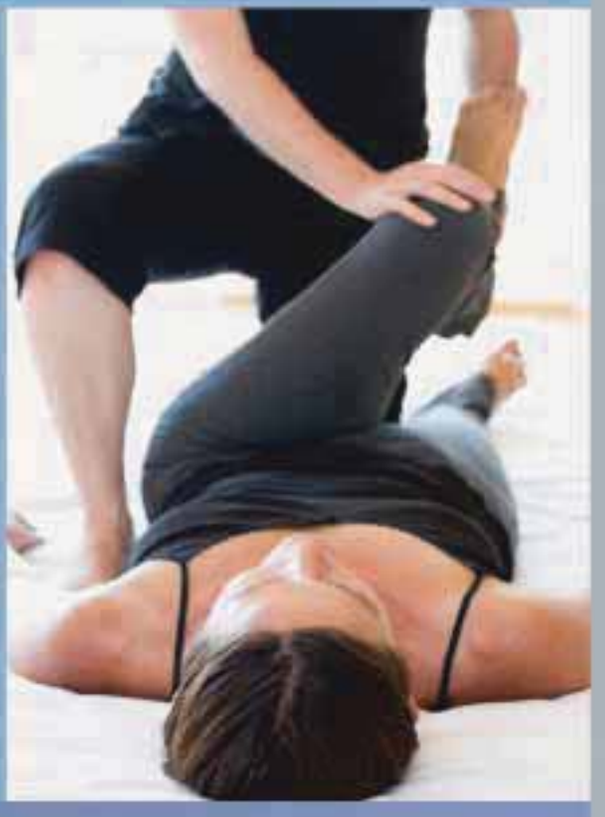


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